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High school basketball teams from Otsego, Crawford, Ogemaw, Roscommon and Missaukee counties will come to Grayling for the district high school basketball tournament, March 10, 11 and 12. Grayling was named for this honor again because of the fine way the meet was handled last year and it is thought that with one year's experience behind, the fans of the game will appreciate the tourney more and flock to see it.

Only Class C and D teams will play in the Grayling tournament. Last year the champions in both of these classes came from the upper peninsula, Newberry winning the Class C title and Michiganamie the Class D crown. The lower peninsula teams are out to bring back the crowns this spring. Every team entering the Grayling tournament will have the opportunity of going through to the state finals. The winners go from Grayling to the regional meets and from there to the championship contests.

Grayling was awarded the tournament out of a number of likely prospects. The state association's basketball committee thought Grayling did pretty well last year and are offering the business men and fans another chance to get behind this worthwhile project.

Teams will be in the city for three days and they are sure to bring along plenty of backing so Grayling will entertain these eager and their followers.

MICHIGAN IS LAUDED FOR CONSERVATION

U. S. Expert Now on Tour, Says State is Doing More Than Others

Lansing, Feb. 5.—C. G. Leach, chief of the division of fish hatcheries, of the United States bureau of fisheries, now starting a tour of inspection of the state's fish hatcheries, believes Michigan is doing more to conserve fish and game than any other state.

He pays tribute to the city of Alpena, the location for one of two of the government's hatcheries in Michigan, which city he says has done more to assist in the propagation of fish than any other city in the United States.

"With your governor a firm believer in conservation, there is no need for advertising," Leach says. "In my travels throughout the country I find that conservation of other states are awaiting the result of work now under way in Michigan before adopting long-time policies of conservation."

Leach is inspecting 17 of the state hatcheries upon the request of Gov. Green and Conservation Director Leigh J. Young. His trip will occupy from 10 days to 2 weeks time after which he will render a full report to the governor.

"If it is the tourist trade you want," he says, "you need not worry, for residents of eastern middle-west and southern states are watching with interest the work now being done in Michigan. Why spend money for advertising when sportsmen now know the possibilities of Michigan resorts?"—Grand Rapids Press.

FREDERIC P. T. A. WILL MEET FRIDAY

The P. T. A. of Frederic will hold their meeting at the Frederic high school, Friday, Feb. 11, 1927. A good entertainment, lots of business, and a good lunch are in order, as we have not had a meeting for two months.

Let Us Cut

Your Lumber to Size

Having us cut your Lumber to size, will save you many hours of hard work, and we do the work for very little over the actual cost of the lumber. This applies whether you are doing a little or a big job.



T. W. HANSON

Wholesale LUMBER Retail

Conservation

Conservation, in my opinion is a large word and means much.

As a settler of Crawford county and Oscoda county for the forty-six years past I have seen many forest fires in these two counties. Timbered lands and plains alike have been forced to suffer damage that only the waste and desolate localities left in the wake of a forest fire are evidence of its terrible force and complete destruction, an untold loss and a positive menace, to life and living.

To one acquainted with the conditions under which this fire is being met, occasionally we are compelled to question ourselves, "Are we getting anywhere in a protective measure, and we can only answer No!"

Each year fire lines are established over a limited acreage and considerable finance is required for their maintenance. This, of course, is of some help and in many cases is a futile attempt at fire control.

There will be fires and more fires if this matter is not considered in a more practical manner, which must be a manner in which all must center their effort and work from some basic method that will produce a resultant effect that can only be accomplished by following one ideal.

As far as Crawford county is concerned, the people of Crawford county might best center on some practical plan to be followed throughout the county, whatever that plan might be.

Were it not for the trails through the country it would not be as green as it is today and I think that it could be preserved even better and consequently more attractive.

There may be those of us who do not think that the present system is adequate or sufficient for the suppression of fires and why not act among ourselves, for there must be a way out of this problem and this is the opportune time to turn our thoughts to its solution.

A practical plan to solve this matter would be to ask the co-operation of each township in the county and to provide a tax to create the finance necessary to maintain a township fire warden in each township, to be elected by the electors of each township district. Certainly this would not be objected to by non-resident property owners after he finds that the protection he seeks is afforded him thru this plan. Those of us who reside here year after year should certainly see the benefit to be derived and the result obtained.

Under direction of a warden with the necessary equipment, a system of fire lines could then be established that would traverse those localities where fires are most liable to originate and coupled with the patrol of that district, fire prevention surely could be made successful. From the financial view, supposing that it would require an expenditure of fifteen or eighteen hundred dollars annually by each township, a single fire a year could and would destroy many more times the value if determined in cash, and in the short period of one or two days.

I would appreciate hearing from others on this subject.

Yours for practical conservation,
J. E. Kellogg.

THUMB SHORE REALTY IN DEMAND

A piece of shore property near Grindstone City, purchased a few years ago for \$4,000.00, was sold recently to Detroit persons for \$32,000.00. The property was sold by Albert Krutz. Realty deals in that section have been numerous. Frank Kinch recently sold 70 acres to a Bad Axe syndicate. Flint people bought the old Wallace quarry west of Port Austin to develop as a resort. A quarter of a mile shore frontage near Port Crescent was sold to a Detroit man.

February Twelfth, Eighteen Hundred and Nine



LARGE CROWD AT LEGION BALL

The American Legion masked ball held at the high school gymnasium, Wednesday night of last week brought out a large crowd, and the affair lived up to its reputation of being one of the merriest of the season.

Attractive but simple, were the decorations of balloons displaying the national emblem, flags and evergreen trees that made a pretty setting for the party. There were many excellent disguises, some in fancy dress and more in comical costumes.

At 10:30 o'clock the grand march took place, during which the judges made their selection of those who were to be awarded the prizes that had been offered. Miss Thana Smith and Miss Alice Harrison, teachers, in rich costumes symbolic of colonial days, and representing George and Martha Washington, respectively, won the prizes for the best dressed gent and lady. Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh, in most comical dress, had the crowd guessing until they removed their masks. They easily captured the prize for the most comical dressed couple. Holger Hanson, son of Mrs. Marie Hanson, who must be nearly six feet tall, was clad in woman's apparel after the prize for the most comical dressed lady, while Charles Gierke, our obliging county clerk, took the prize for the most comical gent.

During the evening noise-makers and balloons were given as favors, and at eleven o'clock a delicious lunch was served to all who wished, and one could have all they wanted. Several members of the Legion in chef's outfits supplied the wants of the people.

When "Home Sweet Home" was played at 2:00 o'clock, there were still many dangers on the floor. In all, the annual masked ball of 1927 was a very pleasant affair.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB NOTES

The Good Fellowship club met Monday evening with Miss Salling for election of officers. The result showing:

President—Mrs. Oscar Schumann.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. C. G. Clippert.
2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. Fred Welsh.
Secretary—Miss Bates.

Treasurer—Mrs. Loraine Sparkes. The club members showed a marked enthusiasm for the work of the ensuing year. The attendance having been unusually good so far this year, a program of civic improvement is hoped for by the club.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

The club met at the home of Mrs. Paul Hendrie Monday evening, Feb. 7th. The annual election of officers was held. After the business meeting the committee served a delicious lunch. The table decorations were for Valentine's day. A social hour was enjoyed by all.

TEN WAYS OF HURTING YOUR CLUB

1. Don't go to the club meeting.
2. If you do go, go late.
3. If it's bad weather, don't think of going.
4. Whenever you do attend a meeting, find fault with the president and other officers.
5. Never accept an office. It is much easier to sit back and criticize.
6. If you are appointed on a committee, don't go to the meeting; if you are not appointed, get peeved about it.
7. When your opinion is asked in a meeting, reply that you have nothing to say, but after the meeting tell everyone just how things should be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary; but when others do the lion's share tell everyone that the club is run by a little clique.
9. Don't hurry about paying your dues; wait until you receive two or three notices.
10. Don't bother about getting new members into your club. Let the ones who do the other work do that too.

If enough members do any of the above things, it will spell the death knell of your club.—From The Wisconsin Club Woman.

One fact that makes Ben Franklin's memory shine brighter with the years—he was actually able to borrow money from France.

What has become of the old fashioned traveling salesman who always took his best customer out for a drink?



Pathetic Leave Taking

A STORY OF LINCOLN

Nothing in the history of Lincoln is more pathetic than the scene of his departure from Springfield on the morning of February 11, 1861, when he bade farewell to his old friends and neighbors. The scene is thus described by Lincoln's biographer:

"A throng of at least a thousand of Lincoln's friends and neighbors had gathered at the dingy little railroad station at Springfield to bid him goodbye. It was a cloudy, stormy morning, which served to add gloom and depression to their spirits. The leave taking became a scene of subdued anxiety, almost of solemnity. Mr. Lincoln took a position in the waiting room where his friends filed past him often pressing his hand in silent emotion. The half finished ceremony was broken by the ringing bell and rushing train. The crowd closed about the railroad car into which the President-elect and his party had entered. The morning incident of the train came. Once more the bell gave notice of starting, but the conductor paused with his hand lifted to the bell rope. Mr. Lincoln appeared on the platform of the car and raised his hand to command attention. The bystanders bared their heads to the falling snowflakes and standing thus his neighbors heard his voice for the last time in the city of his home."

May Have Forseen Fate
Lincoln's farewell address to his Springfield neighbors is expressed in words so chaste and pathetic that it reads as if he already felt the tragic shadow of forecasting fate. "No one," he said, "can realize the saddest I feel at this parting. I now leave, not knowing when or whether I ever may return. I go to assume a task more difficult than any that has devolved upon any chief executive since Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him I cannot succeed—waiting that and I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will be well. To His care I commend you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me. I bid you an affectionate farewell."

And as he went to his last farewells to the old home to which he was never to return, the fervent response from many of his old friends: "God bless and keep you; God protect you." They were "sorrowing most of all for the words he spoke," impressed with a feeling that they would see his face no more.

JOHN SHAW PASSES AWAY

Everybody in town knew John Shaw, and he will be missed by many, especially by those at the county infirmary where he has made his home for the past nine years, and by the M. E. church, of which he was a member and which he always attended faithfully. If John was not there, they knew he was sick, for stormy weather seldom kept him away.

John Shaw was born in Massachusetts seventy-six years ago, but lived most of his life in Owosso, Mich. About twenty years ago he went to Lovells where he found employment. He worked there for Mr. T. E. Douglas for several years, coming to Grayling about nine years ago. He was always industrious and ambitious to do any kind of work there was for him. His strength had been failing him considerably the past few months and his last sickness only lasted about ten days when death came on Thursday, Feb. 3rd, at 1:00 P. M.

Mr. Shaw's funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at the Michigan Memorial church, Rev. J. H. Baughn officiating. The many beautiful flowers and other acts of kindness showed that John had many friends. He was laid to rest in the lot of Mr. T. E. Douglas at Greenwood cemetery.

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Dated at Grayling, Michigan this second day of February A. D. 1927.

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CHARLES GIERKE,
County Clerk.

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HOOPSTERS SCORE DOUBLE VICTORY

Those who decided to remain at home Saturday night missed two of the most thrilling athletic spectacles witnessed at the local high school gym in some time. A double bill in which the local "Indies" played their fastest basketball of the season, noted out the fact K. of P. quintet of East Jordan, 32-30.

In the preliminary, Mutt Burrow's "Cubs," composed of Junior high school students and known for some time as "that crack kids' team," played up to their reputation, and outplayed and out-pointed the second high school team of Grayling in a thriller, 10-0. Daugherty starred for the "Cubs," making five out of their total of ten points.

East Jordan K. of P's. came to our city Saturday night determined to make a reputation of their earlier victory, but due to the fact that the locals practiced continually since East Jordan's initial victory, both teams were in their tip-top form when the referee's whistle opened the game. The first half was a deadlock, it ending 22 all, the teams being so evenly matched that no superiority could be detected.

In the second half, the pace set by the locals was so fast that a margin was soon drawn on the Knights. A considerable amount of roughness was displayed in this period, slowing up the game. East Jordan, in this phase of the game, staged a comeback and drew up within two points of the locals, the game ending 32-30. "Fuzzy" Reynolds, captain of the "Indies" added to the evening's entertainment by caging several "Long Toms" and Lee and Benson starred for East Jordan.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH NOTES

Every department of the Michelson Memorial church has been functioning the past week.

The Ladies Aid met on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Alexander with the largest attendance of the year. Sewing was begun for the next fair, and the ladies felt they had spent a profitable afternoon with such work to do. A fine lunch was served after the business meeting, by the hostess and committee.

The attendance at Sunday School was a 1927 record breaker, there being 169 present, 81 of them in the primary department. The largest attendance of the year is usually during the months of November and December, but this year the attendance since the holidays has increased, which breaks the record of all other years.

Members of the Epworth League spent Saturday evening socially, first with a toboggan party and then a lunch at the church dining room with games. Everyone present reported a fine time.

THE PATRIDGE AND ITS ENEMIES

Owls are great destroyers. They kill in early evening and at night. Hawks also kill many and the robbing of nests can be laid to crows, squirrels, skunks, and fires.

Fires in the early days were usually early, that is before the nesting time and in the past when partridges were more plentiful, the settlers looking for their crows would usually carry a gun and kill these pests, which were pests to them in the way of killing their chickens and stealing eggs and robbing corn fields.

Settlers now are prohibited from carrying a gun and the result is that these pests are growing in numbers more and more every year.

Hunters should not be allowed to hunt with dogs and a closed season for two or three years would be beneficial. Farmers should band together and kill off the crows the same as they do in other states.

Oliver B. Scott.

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Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, February 13, 1902

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelson, Monday, the 3rd, a son.

H. H. Woodruff of Roscommon was here on legal business last Friday. He is always a welcome caller.

R. Meyers reached here last evening on his way to Lewistown. He reports all well in their New Jersey home, and business prospects satisfactory.

Arthur Brink went to Deward Tuesday to take the position of machinist for the Detroit & Charlevoix Railroad Co. He will have three engines to look after at present.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Failing of Beaver Creek, Thursday, Feb. 6th, a son. John has not yet decided whether he will put this fellow on the farm, in the mill, or fit him for political office.

The chairmen of the several Boards of School Inspectors met last week, and appointed Chas. E. Hicks of Maple Forest, County Commissioner of Schools, in place of Miss Etta Coventry, who has resigned.

At the last regular meeting of Crawford Hive, No. 690, L. O. T. M., Mrs. E. Douglas was elected as delegate to the L. O. T. M. convention to be held at Marquette June 11th, 12th, and 13th.

H. Osborne, manager of the M. C. R. R. Eating House has gained lasting renown as a public caterer and chef. At the Lumbermen's banquet here last week, he never skipped a note and received unstinted praise from everyone.

Mrs. Chas. Butler's class in the M. E. Sunday school, numbering fifteen, gave her a surprise Tuesday evening, which was a great pleasure to her, and was much enjoyed by the class. The evening was passed with the usual amusements and refreshments, which are always a pleasure to the young.

Gaylord suffered from another fire yesterday. The Mansard House and three stores were destroyed. Particulars not received.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Johnson have moved here from West Branch and settled in the cottage next to Robert McElroy's residence. Mrs. Johnson comes well recommended as a first class dressmaker and would be pleased to solicit the patronage of the ladies of Grayling.

The Electric Light and Power Co. are doing business. The dam appears to be all right now and promises plenty of power, and the lights so far are very satisfactory.—Since the forms were ready for press we learn that the dam has again broken thru under the flume, and that the power house is being undermined.

Last Saturday evening the Modern Woodmen had an unusual pleasant surprise. There were 15 members down from Gaylord and after the lodge meeting they assembled at the dining room of the W. R. C. hall and enjoyed a banquet that extended well

late into the night.

NARCOTIC WEEK

"Narcotic prevention is society's recourse. Education alone can be regarded as adequate treatment. Quick information conveyed to society everywhere as to the peril that exists will arouse a motive of self-preservation, from which will flow the best that can be done in laws and in salvage. Regular instruction, uniformly, wisely, automatically carried out in homes and in schools will cause the young hereafter to have a consciousness of the danger upon the approach of a peddler, and this education repeated through the generations will clothe society with a mantle of protection, producing a race consciousness of this new peril of environment leading ultimately to immunity. The words of the legislative committee appointed by the New York State Legislature, sum up the case as to Narcotic Drug Addiction: 'The cause is ignorance, the consequences misery, the remedy education.'"

THREE COUNTIES BOOST SHORE ROUTE

Alpena, Presque Isle and Cheboygan counties are taking concerted action toward the establishment of a shore road on Lake Huron through a road association which encompasses the three counties. Proponents of the road declare that the road will open up a new section of extraordinary beauty. The proposed shore route has already been mapped in the rough and plans are under way to get action from the proper state authorities.

Who

will win the
Sport Model Auto, Coaster
Wagon or Kiddie Kar?

HOW THEY STAND

Zilma Hiltz.....	11,520	Walter LaMotte.....	940
Alfred Galloway.....	10,150	Buddie Sorenson.....	890
Ellen King.....	2,710	Frank Owens.....	650
Lela Gierke.....	2,470	Clifford Malloy.....	530
Henry LaBrash.....	2,200	Carl Peterson.....	530
Dorothy Horning.....	1,880		

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Cassidy Bakery
J. L. CASSIDY, Prop.

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Tobogganning

Our new "Slide" on Division Hill is one of the very best in the country. It is fast and safe. Experts say it is the best, and without a doubt, it is the most beautiful.

It is possible, though, that you might get bruised a little, or your face might smart from the exposure. Don't worry, we have many kinds of good liniment and creams that will fix you up.



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1927.

A GENERALLY acknowledged source of revenue for the property owners of Northern Michigan is the summer tourist. It makes no difference how beautiful our natural resources may be, unless they are well known to those seeking recreation and comfort. And this convinces us that this city has got to have an inviting appearance in order to induce strangers to stop and look us over. Of course Grayling is going to get some of this wealth that comes this way, but we can get a heluva lot more if we trim up our town. Let's get the waterworks question settled and then go after a pavement from the Michigan Central depot to the Michelson Memorial church. And let's get some classy lighting too. And what's the use of waiting any longer before we start the wheels agoing that are going to bring us these things that we should have had ten years ago? The Council will get busy if we let them know that we mean business. Let's show a little more enterprise and not wait for something unexpected to turn up. Why wait?

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

One hundred and eighteen years ago next Saturday, February 12, 1809, a child was born to humble parents in a log cabin down in the wilds of Harding county, Kentucky. Fate chose a lowly birthplace for the child that was destined to go forth from the doors of that log cabin to the highest place among the nations of the earth, to the presidency of a land where to be a citizen is grander than to be a king, and who, when he died, took with him the shackles as they had fallen from a race of human beings, forever linking the name of Abraham Lincoln to the great principles of human liberty.

Adversity stalked hand in hand with him along life's great highway, sorrow came to dwell within the innermost recesses of his soul, but from the crucibles these perilous days were the greatest understanding of humanity witnessed since that world momentous day centuries ago on Calvary. The life of Abraham Lincoln has been an inspiration to countless millions all over the entire world, and will continue to be the guiding star of destiny through the ages that are to come. In these perilous days when the Constitution of the United States is being made a mockery, when the foes of organized society are openly flaunting its virtues, it is well for us to evoke the memory of his life as a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to lead us from the dark clouds that are threatening to engulf this nation.

He knew to bide his time,
And can his fame abide,
Still patient in his simple faith sublime,
Till the wise years decide.
Great captains, with their guns and drums,
Disturb our judgment for the hour,
But at last silence comes;
These all are gone, and, standing like a tower,
Our children shall behold his fame.
The kindly-earnest, brave, foreseeing man,
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise,
Not blame,
New birth of our new soil, the first American.

GREAT STIMULUS TO BUSINESS

During the past year the railroads of the United States have carried more freight than at any time in their history. This is a fact of great importance to our continuing and increasing prosperity. It is largely responsible for the fact that merchants are able to handle more goods with lower inventories than ever before in the experience of the country. The sooner the wage earner's labor, in the form of a finished product, reaches the consumer, the easier it is to pay the wage earner well and charge the consumer little. The reduction in cost of charges against wealth between the producer and the consumer vastly aids the equitable distribution of wealth and the enjoyment of higher living standards. In this task the railroads are of consummate importance.

500 ATTEND WINTER CARNIVAL

NEW TOBOGGAN SLIDE IS GOING GREAT

In spite of the inclement weather a crowd, estimated at 500 people, attended the winter carnival held at the toboggan slide at the military reservation last Sunday afternoon, where they were privileged to enjoy the thrills of the finest toboggan slide in the United States. The track was fast and the slide made a big trip of about three-quarters of a mile in about 31 seconds. The wind was blowing quite strongly against the toboggan, thus somewhat slowing up their speed.

James McGillivray, official photographer of the State Department of Conservation, was on hand and took a number of motion and still pictures. The "close-up" pictures, he said, would not do good, but pictures covering a long range were somewhat handicapped because of the lack of sunshine. According to Mr. McGillivray, this is the longest slide of its kind in the country, and others of good authority speak in the highest praise of it.

The slide is regularly open for use on Sunday afternoons, Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Mr. Thomas, who is looking after the slide, states that it is not safe for people to use the slide on other nights as there will be no lights and also, the track is being repaired and would be dangerous. A crew of men are busy every day keeping the slide in condition and the "off" nights have to be depended on for proper freezing.

More funds are needed for keeping the slides in condition and for the purpose, a contribution box will be instituted at the slide where those who are willing to do so may contribute to the funds. The original fund for building the slide was contributed by the business men of Grayling, but with the contribution box it will be convenient for the coasters to also help toward the expense.

SARANAC PUBLISHER HONORED

Without a single exception, the weekly newspaper publishers of Michigan heartily endorse the action of the Michigan Press Association, in convening assembled last week, in naming Hiram T. Johnson, publisher of the Saranac Advertiser, as president of the association for the coming year. For thirty-three years Editor Johnson has published an outstanding community newspaper at Saranac. It is safe to say that but few issues have gone to press in all those years without some favorable comment concerning his home town. He has not only been a community builder, but also a leader in every movement that would make Michigan a better state, and this country a better nation. He has been a credit to the reverend traditions of country journalism, and his elevation to the presidency of the present of the association in this state will reflect favorably upon every member of the Fourth Estate. Our heartiest congratulations.

BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS BEING ORGANIZED

Scout work for the boys and girls of Grayling is again a reality. The organization is well under way with the following officers elected:

Boy Rangers
Guide—Rev. Baughn.
Deputy Guide—James Husted.
Lodge Committee—Peter McNeven, Herbert Parker, Herbert Gothro.

Boy Scouts
Scout Master—Rev. Baughn.
Ass't Scout Masters—Alfred Bebb, Howard Granger.
Troop Committee—P. G. Zalsman, Victor Smith, W. W. Lewis.

Girl Scouts
Captain—Miss Anna Mae Lewis.
Lieutenants, to be appointed.
Scout Council—Mrs. J. H. Baughn, Mrs. P. McNeven, Mrs. J. Speck.

The hours for meeting are: Boy Rangers—Fridays, 7 to 9 p. m. Boy Scouts—Mondays, 7 to 9 p. m. Girl Scouts—Tuesdays, 7:15-9:15 p. m. It is to be understood that meetings are to be dismissed strictly on time so that parents may know exactly when to expect their boys or girls home.

The organization will be completed in a couple of weeks. Other boys and girls may enroll at any time after consulting the respective leaders.

Rev. R. N. Holsapple, state prohibition leader, says the time has come when patrons of bootleggers should be ostracized. Better watch out, patron, or a lot of our best folks won't be on speaking terms with each other.



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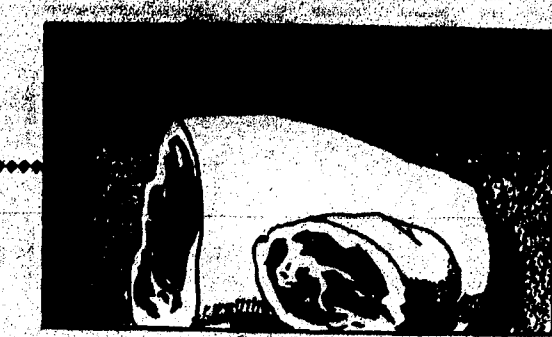
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Editorial Paragraphs

Nebraska and Iowa are having some dispute over a boundary question. But they won't settle this the way it is done in the Balkans.

It is said that Mussolini eats his meals in three minutes. Perhaps he is practicing for a quick getaway in case the time ever comes.

Remember the good old days when the only persons on the baseball field ever accused of being crooked were the umpires?

France is going to celebrate officially the centenary of Beethoven, which is another indication that the war is over.

It is said that 13,000 new laws will be passed by the various state legislatures in session this year. This means of course more work for the lawbreakers.

A physician says that the lipstick which the girls use attracts microbes. Especially the kind with wide pants and patent leather hair.

Health authorities say that New York is the "chilliness" city. But you can get other things there which are almost as painful.

It was forty degrees below zero in Moscow last week so you can't blame those Reds for trying to get into Mexico and Central America.

Governor Al Smith's presidential boom was launched the other day in New York, but it is to be remembered that there are more rivers to be crossed between Manhattan and Washington than there are between Manhattan and Albany.

Gene Tunney has signed to fight for a million dollars which is more money than we got for winning the World War.

If the revolutionists in Nicaragua aren't satisfied now they will have a chance to tell it to the marines.

To be a good statesman in the Balkan states you don't merely have to know how to double cross. You have to be able to double cross a double crosser.

Charlie Chaplin is a living proof of the assertion that it is possible to have sixteen million dollars and still not be entirely happy.

Some of our enlightened statesmen seem to think it's all right for Mexico to do as she pleases with Nicaragua, but terribly wicked for Uncle Sam to even protect his people's interests there.

It is to be noted that most of the folks who criticize Mussolini do it from outside the Italian frontier.

Of course the French government belongs to the League of Nations, but just the same the French have massed all of their best troops on the Italian frontier, indicating that they don't have as much faith in the league as do some of our own internationalists.

The Spanish speaking peoples of Europe, South and Central America have bought two big buildings in New York to establish a center of trade and diplomacy, which seems to indicate that they are not so much alarmed over our foreign policy as some of our alarmists.

WASHINGTON LETTER

The wheels of the government, like the wheels of fate, grind exceedingly slow and sometimes exceedingly fine as well, but at any rate it sometimes takes a long time to bring about what everybody knows ought to be done and what everybody knows will be done sometime. One of the most important movements for the beautification of the city of Washington has received added impetus at this session of Congress, and that is the taking over of all the property included in the triangle of Pennsylvania Avenue, Fifteenth Street, the Capitol and the Mall. This will enable a grouping of the new buildings that are proposed in the building program which has already been adopted and it will also bring about the transformation of Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the Treasury. This section of the famous avenue has long been an eye sore and the larger part of it has been a disgrace to any up-to-date city. This is a matter that ought to interest every citizen of the country for the city of Washington belongs to the country to a very large extent than it does to the people who reside there. While the residents of Washington are there to enjoy its beauties they have less to say about its development than the citizens of any of the states of the Union. The voters of the States elect the members of Congress in whose hands is the weal or woe of the Capitol city; while the people who live there have nothing to say in the selection of the most obscure officer of the city, the expenditure of a single penny of the taxes they pay or the care of the streets, the schools or any other matter, however intimately it affects

their personal interests, or the physical or moral welfare of themselves or their families. The only political or civic duty they are allowed to engage in is the nomination of a president, but when that is done they may not even vote for him, unless one has been fortunate enough to retain his citizenship in some distant state to which he must journey on election day or perchance, may mail his vote to the city or town where he claims his residence.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

(By William McMahon, New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)
Now is the time when investors are and should be careful in their selection. Tipsters usually have axes to grind. Only issues of good record and a good outlook and that are paying good dividends, should be considered.

The Investment Trust idea is growing in favor every day. During the past five years, some thirty or more American Investment Trusts have been organized and have met with a favorable reception on the part of the public. In England and Scotland there are more than 150 Investment Trusts, many of which have paid dividends as high as 20 per cent, plus bonuses from time to time.

The Investment Trust is a financial institution similar to the ordinary stock company except that instead of having its capital invested in a manufacturing plant, oil wells, mines, chain stores or some other single enterprise, the Trust invests in the shares of a varied assortment of different industrial concerns, all making money, all with good records, good future and paying good dividends.

The success of banks, insurance companies, trust companies and similar institutions which control large amounts of capital, is due primarily to their policy of placing their funds in small amounts of a great many different securities. Likewise this plan is largely responsible, not only for the fact that they are safe, but that they are so profitable. Reference to the daily papers will show that there are hundreds of different securities for every branch of industrial activity known. With such a large list to select from, how can the individual investor hope to do the best for himself? He can scarcely evade that element of risk that makes a profitable investment and has to be content usually with a high grade security with a low yield.

Better look into the Investment Trust plan.

Few of World's Great Cut Hours of Sleep

It is often said of great men that they needed and took but few hours of sleep. It is true that in their desire to accomplish as much work as possible they have spent no more hours in bed than was necessary, but those who found that less than six or eight hours would suffice them were very few. Alexander von Humboldt, Linnaeus, Cuvier, Dumas, Bismarck and the composer, Dvorak, are all the four-hour sleepers I have come upon in a long list of distinguished men. Napoleon, who is sometimes mentioned in this class, took from six to eight hours and did not hesitate to nap in the daytime and even in the midst of conversation. He could go for long periods without sleep, but he always condemned himself to correspondingly long periods of rest afterward, sleeping on one occasion for 35 hours at a stretch.

Goethe was a very sound sleeper, and Descartes, who is said to have done more original work than any man of his century, slept a great deal. Brahms could sleep at will and under any conditions, and Dumas, "after writing for some hours at a stretch, would suddenly fling himself on his bed, and in a few seconds be sound asleep; 15 or 20 minutes later he would wake up again with equal alertness and return to work—a giant refreshed."—Scientific Monthly.

Hall of Fame Project Delayed by Quarrel

The first bronze tablets in New York's hall of fame were unveiled as recently as 1901, yet 100 years ago a New Yorker began the movement for just such a commemoration of the nation's great. He even offered to make the busts himself and, indeed, did so in a number of cases, only to have his plan rejected, to lie in the discard 75 years. He was John I. Browne, who in the early part of the Nineteenth century was recognized as one of New York's best sculptors. There were many who took to his idea of a hall of fame from the start and urged its adoption. It even reached congress, with high hope of an appropriation to carry out the plan. However, one little incident ruined its prospects. Congress decided to look up Browne, William Dunlap, then considered an authority on art, had written its history. Browne had incurred the displeasure of Dunlap and was not mentioned in his book. So congress thought he couldn't amount to anything. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

TWO FARM MEASURES GET SENATE'S O. K.

Supporters of McNary-Haugen Bill Are Confident of Its Passage.

Washington.—The results of the legislative activity on agricultural relief thus far, are:

The house bill for the regulation of the importation of milk and cream into the United States was passed by the senate, 61 to 27.

The house bill authorizing the expenditure of \$10,000,000 by the secretary of agriculture in co-operation with the states in a campaign for the extermination of the European corn borer was passed by the senate without a record vote.

Debate on the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, which was made the unfinished business of the senate, opened with an address by Senator McNary (Rep., Ore.), chairman of the committee on agriculture.

Washington.—Successful merger of the "banker-farmer" combination in the senate with cotton already in on the log-rolling and tobacco to be added, virtually made it certain that the much discussed McNary-Haugen farm relief bill will be deposited on President Coolidge's doorstep. The senate went on record by a vote of 68 to 14 in favor of taking up the bill.

Passage of this measure, the chief principles of which the President has opposed time and again and which was decisively beaten in both houses last year, will be very embarrassing to the Chief Executive. Most of the opponents of the bill still insist he will veto it, though they admit that to do so would irritate to an extraordinary degree the discontented farm belt in the Middle West and Northwest.

Meanwhile there are rumors that the White House is using pressure here and there in the hope of preventing the house from accepting the measure which the senate now seems certain to pass. As the situation stands it seems doubtful that this effort to block the bill in the house will be successful.

The effect of the vote in the senate is to make the farm bill the unfinished business and to enable Senator McNary to hold it before the senate, unless he puts it aside temporarily from time to time, until a final vote is taken. A canvass of the senate by friends of the bill shows it will pass that body.

The action of the senate in proceeding to the consideration of the bill was made possible through a combination almost without precedent. This was a combination of the farmer members and the supporters of the banking bill, or as it was termed in senate circles, a "farmer-banker" combination.

By reason of their anxiety to have the conference report on the McNary-Haugen bill voted on, the supporters of that bill joined in the movement to have the McNary-Haugen bill considered and in turn supporters of the farm bill, or most of them, will vote to take up the bank bill after the farm bill is acted on. The agreement does not require the agricultural members to vote for the bank measure or the bank bill supporters to vote for the farm measure. It extends to the consideration of both bills.

The operations of the farmer-banker combination in the senate are looked on as assuring passage of the banking bill as well as the farm bill.

The McNary-Haugen bill as it stands provides for a farm board and contains the equalization plan for meeting the surplus problem. The equalization fee covers cotton, rice, corn, wheat and hogs, and to these, it is informally agreed tobacco will be added.

Recently, much southern support has gone over to the bill in both houses, as well as other support. Senator Robinson, Democratic leader, is supporting the bill.

Inventor of Gas Mask Is Asking for \$480,000

Paris.—Doctor Nicolaini, who invented the gas mask used by half a million soldiers during the war, never received any recompense, he alleged in a suit filed asking 12,000,000 francs (\$480,000).

Doctor Nicolaini, a major in the medical corps, submitted an improved model of gas mask, such as was distributed to many early tank divisions. The government accepted, but only promised to pay.

The doctor estimates that his invention prevented at least 50,000 casualties.

"Count Rigo" Dead

New York.—Janos Rigo, known as the "gypsy violinist" and as "Count Rigo," is dead here from a complication of diseases.

American Swims Catalina

Long Beach, Calif.—Henry F. Sullivan of Lowell, Mass., one of the few men who has conquered the English channel, recently completed a swim from Catalina Island to the mainland. It was his second attempt over the course in 15 days.

Would Bar Firearms

Washington.—Firearms that can be concealed on the person would be barred from the mails under a house bill passed by the senate.

Our idea of an optimist is the fellow who believes the Senate will some day investigate a Democratic primary.

With the coming of shorter skirts nobody can claim marriage is the old-time lottery it used to be.

Governor Fred W. Green expresses surprise at the number of people seeking state jobs. Don't get discouraged, Governor. Just wait till the returns from the faithful are all in.

Freshening Breezes

A pioneer is the fellow who can remember when the old-fashioned householder expected a little salt pork occasionally on the bill of fare.

We hope that Almee and King Ben have never regretted the age which greeted Marc Anthony and Cleopatra.

We get our setting-up exercises, weather and market reports, base ball scores, Sunday sermons, grand opera—and financial advice by radio. About all that seems left is for somebody to reorganize the batteries and bring in our meals.

Ford's fortune in flivvers makes the tin mines of Cornwall seem like an idle occupation.

Speaking of the ancient dame who was forced to ride unappealed about all that some of the modern flappers seem to lack is a horse and a village street.

What has become of the old-fashioned citizen that thought every law was made to be obeyed?

The Colonial farmer left his plow to fight for his country. Now the boys quit to go to town and get the base ball scores.

Ostracizing patrons of the bootlegger is liable to cause a wholesale falling off of the congressional vote another election.

About the only encouraging news that we get from Florida this winter is improved golf scores.

Religious prejudice is one community enterprise that has never yet paid a dividend.

With the erection of modern skyscrapers it begins to look as if second story working will soon be a lost art.

First Subway Lines

The first city in the world to feel the need of subways was London, where, in 1853, there was begun the construction of a two-track underground road from Edgeware to Kings Cross. No mention is made as to the inventor. There were many disadvantages to the first type of subway, and it was not until 1896 that any further attempt was made to construct a subway line. In that year the late J. H. Grentham, an eminent English engineer, designed a railroad, circular in section, lined with cast iron. It was first intended to operate with a cable, but before completed it was found it could be successfully operated with electricity.

Apple Picking

The Rural New Yorker says that "the quantity of apples picked in a day by one man will depend largely on the character of the tree, whether high or low headed; how heavily the tree may be loaded; the kind of apples, small or large; how well the job is done. We have heard of men picking fifty barrels, but both fruit and trees are sure to be damaged by such slam-bang work. One of the best commercial growers we know insists that an average of ten or twelve barrels per day per man is enough. It is not a matter of clawing off the apples as fast as possible, but working so that there will be a minimum of bruised fruit and broken twigs and limbs."

Wild Dogs Stole Ewes

When 100 ewes recently disappeared from a ranch near Narwon, New South Wales, they were tracked into rough country by a native tracker. When found the ewes were huddled together at the base of a cliff, stricken with terror. A score were dead and the tracker said that the tracks told the story of their experience. Four dingoes, or Australian wild dogs, had cut out the ewes from a large flock of sheep, driven them into hiding and there massacred 20 of the victims, though one ewe would have been more than enough to feed their captors.

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—At Sleepy Cat Doctor Carpy tells Wentworth, freighting boss, of a shooting scrape in Barcoe's gambling den, in which John Selwood, gambler, in defense of his wounded partner, Dave Tracy, shows remarkable skill and nerve.

CHAPTER II

Christie Fyler.

When the town of Sleepy Cat was throwing its excited head over its no less excited heels in a rapid growth, there were few quiet stretches along the Overland trail.

It was on one of the long, winding stretches of this trail, between Point of Rocks and Sleepy Cat, one May morning nearly a year after the tragic affair at Barcoe's place, that a mountain man, seated in a light but serviceable buckboard supplied with a comfortable layback seat, and driving a team of rangy bay horses, was headed westward quite alone on the trail.

Wearing the long-gauntlet, soft buckskin gloves, the stout, broad-brimmed hat, and the knotted bandana as neckerchief of the seasoned denizen of the trail, he was comfortably clad; in fact, his aspect at all points marked him as one likely to be at home in the inevitable emergencies of frontier life.

The horses slackening presently their lively pace aroused their driver from a reverie. Glancing up, he saw that he had reached the bluff of an important crossing; the horses were starting downhill toward the bottoms of the Crawling Stone wash.

Driving faster for a few minutes as he gained the creek bottom, John Selwood turned his horses off the trail toward a growth of small trees on the border of the creek.

Sitting quite at his ease with the lines buckled about his left arm, as the horses turned into the beaten path, his eye fell on a horseshoe. He paused to see whether it belonged to one of his mules—that is, to one of the company mules. He saw it did not; for these were of a particular style and make, easily identified by the practiced eye. He hesitated, debating whether it was worth while to add any insurance to luck by picking the horseshoe up, when his eye fell on an object lying on the road a few feet further ahead.

It was a woman's shoe. It was a high shoe, narrow and apparently of good quality. He drove closer. Reading the wagon tracks within range, he saw that emigrants had camped for the night near at hand; the trail, swept by the shower, showed where their wagons had turned that morning into the road again. This shoe had evidently been jolted from one of the wagons, of which there had been two. To Selwood it looked small and quite new. It was not unusual to see along the way articles of every description discarded or lost from travelers' outfits. Worn boots and old shoes were a common sight, but this was something very different to Selwood, at least. With his horses switching and stamping at the flies, he tried to decide whether to pick up the horseshoe or the woman's shoe.

"I've been picking up horseshoes luck ever since I came to this country," he said to himself at length—"and it's been rotten luck. I'll take a chance on beating it." So saying, he stepped down from the buckboard, and picked up the woman's shoe. It bore inspection well—and Selwood inspected it critically. It was built to come well above the ankle. It was fashioned for a high and slender instep, and as Selwood held it in the more he looked at it the better he liked it, and he ended by lifting the box seat of his little wagon and throwing the shoe into it. Realizing that it would ruin all his chances of luck thereafter to touch the horseshoe, he spoke to the horses and started on.

Driving faster as he gained the bottom land, he reached the approach to the ford, a quarter of a mile ahead, where he saw two canvas-wheeled wagons halted. One had made the ford crossing. Just the top of the other wagon showed through the trees that lined the creek itself. Voices raised high in mule adjuration reached his ears. It was an ordinary sound and told him all of the story he needed to know—the second wagon was mired.

On the other side of the creek stood the wagon that had made the crossing safely. The team had been unhitched and two men, doubling this team with that of the mired wagon, were working in the water.

Selwood, watching from the buckboard, had no need to speculate as to what the probable outcome of these efforts would be. The men were obviously novices at their job and in all likelihood unacquainted with the particular danger of the ford they had attempted. Selwood spoke to his horses and, moving closer to the scene, halted them on the creek bank. The men in the creek were too busy to notice him until he called out.

over. He was a man of forty-five or fifty years; Selwood saw his longish thin hair was streaked with gray, as was his still thinner beard—triumphed, apparently, for side-whiskers, but neglected during the exigencies of travel. His face was very thin, and this accentuated his features. His eyes were large, dark, and hollow; naturally bright, they were unnaturally so now in his excitement. His mouth was rather large, and his teeth, seeming thin also and spread rather wide apart, showed prominently when he smiled, as he was doing now—talking rapidly and apologetically to Selwood, who had already got down from the buckboard and was looking not very hopefully, as he listened, toward the wagon in the treacherous ford.

"You'd have saved time by going half a mile higher up," commented Selwood after he had heard the story. "All the freighting outfits go there



"This Is All Right When It's Dry Enough."

for the rock bottom. This is all right when it's dry enough. It's a mean place after a shower. And if you don't get that lead team out of that sand pretty quick, you're liable not to get them out at all."

"What should you do, stranger?" asked the settler, apparently realizing that the buckboard man knew more than he knew about the situation.

For answer, Selwood spoke sharply to the teamster, an overgrown boy, who was gazing and having the pole team with the sole effect of setting the fore wheels of the wagon deeper into the sand. "Drop your lines where you are," cried Selwood, "and get that lead team ashore. Don't you see the near horse is going down?"

Perceiving the awkwardness and stupidity of the young fellow, Selwood, not waiting to see his order executed, walked into the creek and, followed by the settler, splashed across to where, struggling to free their feet, the head horses were floundering. Hastening to their heels, Selwood unhooked the singletrees, threw them over the backs of the frightened horses, and, slapping them by turns smartly on the haunches, got them splashing and struggling ashore. Then bidding the teamster follow, he recrossed the creek, turned up the seat of his buckboard, took out, hand over hand, a length of heavy chain, passed it to the teamster to carry over, and unhooking his own team, walked behind them, doubtless in one hand and reins in the other, across the creek. It was the work of but few minutes to fasten one end of the chain to the tongue of the stalled wagon and give directions to the two men as to where to stand and what to do. The settler was put with the team still hitched to the wagon. From the end of the wagon tongue the chain drawn taut reached ashore where, on the sandy approach to the ford, Selwood had hooked his own team into the chain and, passing it between them, had hooked the rescued team to the chain's end.

With everything ready, Selwood gave final instructions. "Now if your king-bolt holds," he said, "well yank that wagon out; if it gives, you'll have to wait till you can rig another—there's a freighting outfit coming along about two hours behind—now everybody—all together!"

Selwood loosed a stentorian yell; the six horses, galvanized by the shock, bent to the job. The boy leaped with his lines and the settler shouted. The mired wagon creaked violently, groaned, and with the wheels plunging through the grippling sand moved uncertainly. A fresh roar from Selwood signaled the success and spurred the horses to renewed efforts; and the partly released wagon, plunging ahead, was jerked and rattled ungraciously through the sullen quicksand and to the ford approach to dry land.

The emigrant turned to his rescuer with a joyful breath of relief. "Stranger," he exclaimed, "that's a big lift! My name's Fyler—what's yours?" he asked, holding out his hand.

His benefactor was tactful. He took the extended hand, but without

enthusiasm. "That's not the first time I've helped pull a wagon out of that hole," he said good-naturedly; "it probably won't be the last. I had to be pulled out of there once, myself; nobody sees this ford that knows it. Where you headed for?"

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Selwood, answering laconically a rapid flow of questions, was glad to be ready to drive on. He gathered his reins to step into the buckboard. As he lifted his foot, with one hand on the dash and the other on the seat, he saw that the moment it framed the face of a girl of eighteen or twenty years. She did not see Selwood, and he stood motionless, staring at the unexpected sight.

She was bareheaded, with her hair parted in the middle and drawn plainly over her temples. On her neck a simple kerchief rested loosely above a simple dress. Women-folk were not uncommon in emigrant trains; indeed, they were the rule. Yet Selwood paused as if petrified at the ordinary sight. Unluckily for him, his horses, least interested in the situation, clamped at their bits and tried to start. More even than the clear profile had promised was revealed in the full face; it was mere girlhood—simplicity and frank innocence—but it made Selwood catch his breath.

When her eyes fell on Selwood she looked rather quickly away and the parted canvas flap softly closed. Selwood stepped gingerly up into the buckboard and settled himself in his seat. The impatient horses leaped ahead. He did not attempt to look back.

Selwood reached Sleepy Cat late that night. His three team headed without guiding him for the Russell and Wentworth horse barn.

Selwood threw his reins to a waiting hostler. He got stiffly down after his long ride, tipped up the lay-back seat, took out and stuffed into a side pocket of his coat the good-luck girl's shoe, and walked forward. As he passed the open door of the office he saw the barn boss, McAlpin, in conversation with a little woman sitting in the chair at the desk. Near them, listening, stood an overgrown boy of twenty. The woman was talking earnestly and rapidly. Selwood was hungry, dust-covered, and tired, and without speaking to McAlpin he passed out through the gateway doors and started for his room at Doctor Carpy's hotel.

McAlpin in the barn office stood profoundly attentive to the story of the little woman sitting at the desk, with a handkerchief, much knotted, in her hands and with great trouble expressed in her tear-stained eyes.

The barn boss was plainly interested in the tale the strange woman was pouring into his ear. Of the men that profess they have no time to listen to other people's troubles, James McAlpin never was one. He had almost a morbid flair for other people's troubles; and the worse they were the more he—I ought not to say enjoyed them—but the more closely they held him. He had come from far across the sea and crossed forbidding deserts to reach the Great American West, penniless but thrifty, and fortified with the resolve to weep with the weepers and rejoice with the glad. As a Scotsman, nature had fitted him for the difficult role of being all things to all men, and as he listened in the stuffy, strong-smelling, cluttered-up little office of the big division barn of the Russell and Wentworth Freighting company—the first barn, by the way, ever built in Sleepy Cat—as he looked from the little wisp of a woman, weeping and pouring out her woes before him, to the husky, overgrown twenty-year-old son at her side—sheepish now and hang-dog in looks—McAlpin felt that in coldness and confidence in himself he was pretty nearly master of the situation; and he looked his part.

"What's that, Mrs. McCracken?" he demanded, suddenly eyeing the woman, and throwing more emphasis into the words as he repeated the sharp question purely for effect. "What's that you say? Moses was gambling? Why, no! I couldn't say the boy was gambling when he lost that money. If it's gambling, two men have got to have a chance—don't you know that, Mrs. McCracken?" McAlpin spoke fast, because Mrs. McCracken herself had hardly checked her own sorrowful tale in the interval; she was, in fact, though weighing under ninety pounds, the first woman he had ever met that could talk faster than he could. "That boy didn't have a chance," insisted McAlpin, "he was just plain robbed—that's what I call it, robbed. Was the six hundred all the money you had, Mrs. McCracken?"

"Every cent in the world," wopt the woman, "and Moses knew better than to go near a gambling house."

As a distributing point for a wide-spread mountain territory, Sleepy Cat even at this time boasted trading and supply houses out of all proportion in size and importance to its population, and these stores, with frontier disregard of fire hazard, were housed mostly in one long block. In that block could be found the widely known establishment of John Cole—the tall, spare brother of the town blacksmith; the long, rambling store of Alexis Roubidoux, the French trader, with nearly all the business of the Gunlock and the Falling Wall reservations—Roubidoux with the squaw wife, the brown toupee, the gray glass eye, and the dyed mustache and goatee.

In this row, too, were the Rick-bush brothers, Chris and Otto—big men with bristling mustaches and

always swailing—who helped pull a wagon out of that hole," he said good-naturedly; "it probably won't be the last. I had to be pulled out of there once, myself; nobody sees this ford that knows it. Where you headed for?"

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A riot of celebration had been loosed on the great day to greet the advance guard of the coming railroad. The pioneers and adventurers within a radius of two hundred miles had congregated in their picturesqueness to do the occasion honor.

Patently, McAlpin waited again for Moses' story of how that morning his mother had given him six hundred dollars to play for and bring back the team of mules. Moses, on his way, had met an entertaining man who had come from the same town in Iowa as the McCrackens—at this point McAlpin ground his teeth. The man had volunteered to go with him to help bring back the team. He had offered, incidentally, to show Moses where the new round-house was to be built. They had stopped in at an interesting place where different games were being played, and Moses, in earnest and repeated endeavor to pick the right one of three cards, had gradually wagered and finally lost the six hundred.

McAlpin had already heard the story once; but it was his custom, if he could manage it, to hear a particularly harrowing tale twice. He listened to the second recital with the same sharp ejaculations, the same screwing and twisting of his features and his heels, and the same angry jerking of his head, with which he had absorbed Moses' story the first time.

"Now I'll tell you," he said domineeringly and to cut off further discussion. "I'll go with you to where they took your money and see what can be done."

Calling a hostler front, McAlpin, with Moses, walked rapidly down the ragged highway that was to serve as Sleepy Cat's principal street, in the direction of what was already known as the River quarter, which had gained an evil precedence in mountain story as the resort of hard men and scenes of violence.

McAlpin had a very definite idea of the general direction in which Moses had parted with his money, and took him directly down toward the river, talking and gesticulating as fast as he walked. Reaching the suspected district, McAlpin slowed and pointed from a conservative distance to one disreputable joint after another, asking his companion whether this or that place looked like the one he had been taken into.

Moses, confident at first, found himself hazy when it came to identifying the precise scene of his disaster. With his guide he walked clear to the camping-grounds without success, and McAlpin, on the way back to the stable, was growing very impatient when Moses, of a sudden, stopped his companion and pointed to a man just going into a large and quite pretentious frame saloon.

"That's the fellow," he exclaimed eagerly.

"Just going in there—he dealt the cards. And that's the place!" whispered Moses with excitement.

McAlpin looked at the place pointed out and turned a hard stare on his companion. "Mau alive!" he cried, "what kind of a fool are you to pick out the worst place between St. Joe and Sacramento to leave your money in? Come along to the barn!"

"Ain't you going to talk to 'im, as you said you would?" asked Moses timidly, but dreading to face his mother again.

"Talk in there?" echoed McAlpin scornfully. "Do I want to get knifed? Not yet. Come along. You're lucky you didn't get knocked on the head and thrown into the river. That's Bunt's place."

McAlpin returned to the barn out of humor. He wasted little time, when he got back to the office, in explaining things but, leaving Moses to take the brunt of the storm, became very busy with some mules just being brought into the barn by teamsters putting them up for the night. It was nearly supper time, too, and McAlpin, to avoid further discussion in the office, dodged out the back way for something to eat. A hearty meal restored pretty well his naturally placid outlook on life, but when he got back to the barn this was upset again by the spectacle of Mrs. McCracken sitting alone in the twilight of the rough office, silent and woe-begone. Another long talk resulted in an opening of his heart again, and he told her of the boy who had lost her money and come back. He could see, meantime, whether something more might be done.

"If only my poor brother William—William Pardoux—was here, Mrs. McCracken—he'd make these thieves hunt their holes," sobbed Mrs. McCracken. "I'd not have to ask nobody for help if I had William."

"Well, if William, whoever he is, was here, Mrs. McCracken," retorted McAlpin tartly, "he could have the job for all of me!"

Mrs. McCracken could eat no supper, but she spent thirty minutes back in camp weeping, and then rose to a resolution of her own. With Moses as a guide she resolved to seek the men that had robbed Moses—and did so.

Naturally, she got scant recognition, and was hardly given time to introduce herself and tell her story. Before Moses was thrown bodily into the street and Mrs. McCracken was strongly urged, under threat of arrest, to leave him. Neither status nor tears availed; the two arguments that had always subdued her dead husband had no weight in the River quarter.

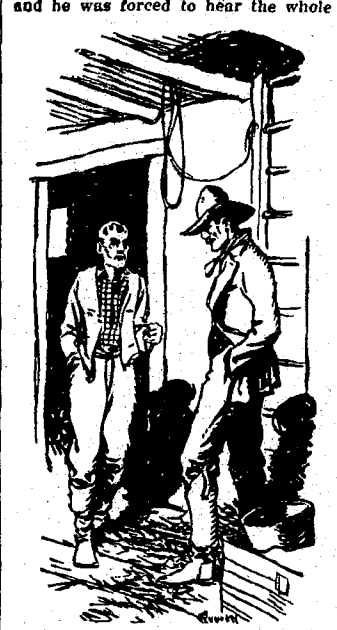
Barfed and disheartened, she returned with her son to pastor McAlpin, and, having cornered him, told of the fresh indignities she had suffered in her efforts to reclaim her own.

Joined issue.

It was in the very midst of their animated discussion that a well-set, leisurely man walked unobtrusively into the office. This was John Lefever, head wagon boss for Russell and Wentworth, just in with a long string of wagons, west-bound. With feet of small size and notwithstanding the largeness of his frame, Lefever walked gingerly and with hardly any noise. He carried in his hand a long whip; this he placed in the rack quietly in order that he might lose nothing of the talk going on behind him; and, to emphasize his ostensible indifference to the subject-matter, he whistled softly to himself as he fingered the other whips in the rack and, having selected one to try out, turned slowly around, the prey to curiosity, to see what manner of person was watching Jim McAlpin for once in fast talking. Having satisfied himself on this point by a brief glance, Lefever started for the door leading into the stable.

McAlpin, pressed for help and still indignant at Mrs. McCracken's new story, was not minded to let him escape. He darted between the big fellow and the door. "No—stop, John, look here a minute. I want you to hear this!"

Lefever saw there was no escape, and he was forced to hear the whole



"No! He Won't Get Angry."

story. "Well," he asked, at the conclusion, "what are you going to do about it?"

"What can I do? It's Bunt's place, John. Can I afford to get dumped into the river?"

Lefever, as if disclaiming personal responsibility, moved out into the barn. But McAlpin hung on to him. Then Lefever said something, whatever it was, in a low tone that caused McAlpin to lower his tone. A whispered conference followed. "Do you think it would be all right to ask him, John?" urged McAlpin, as Lefever turned to get away.

"If he doesn't want to do it, he won't do it, will he?" snapped Lefever.

"Would he get angry with me asking him, d'you think?" called McAlpin after his retreating friend.

"If he does I'll get your job, won't I? No! He won't get angry."

Lefever was half way down to the stables. McAlpin stopped long enough at the office door to tell the "Mrs." and Moses to bide—speaking sternly to Moses. Then grabbing his cap he hustled into the street.

Head down, and only glancing, without lifting it, from under the short visor of his cap at the men in twos and threes and scattered groups—teamsters, emigrants, frontiersmen, adventurers—that loitered in the open spaces or moved aimlessly along the middle of the street, McAlpin made straight up the hill above the River quarter toward a large frame structure set some fifty feet back from the street below the brow of the hill and isolated. A broad sign, high above the large double doors of the building—thrown wide open now—reading "John Selwood, Gambler," left no doubt as to the nature of the owner's business.

Dave Tracy—the old "partner," afterward so seriously wounded—whom Selwood had originally set up in the establishment, had been given a carte blanche and used it in spending money to make his gambling hall a western place to be talked about.

With Tracy disabled, young Selwood had assumed entire responsibility for the place. And as a further defiance to any aggrieved enemies of the Sanger-Doyd following, Selwood's name, at Tracy's behest, though against Selwood's wishes, had been conspicuously placed above the doors.

Selwood's was known from the Missouri river almost to the Sierras as an exceptional place and one of repute—where there was no saloon and no disreputable adjunct, and none near it; where no one was asked to play, and where no limit was placed on the player.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Earliest Cook Stove

Vermont was introduced to the cook stove in the fall of 1819 when the first Conant stove was cast, and in a brief period the fireplace, with its swinging crane of pots and kettles, disappeared. The new stove was the product of John Conant of Brandon, Vt. Its castings were made directly from the brown hematite ore of the immediate region. Today there remains apparently no sign of a Conant stove anywhere. It is believed by some of the old residents about Brandon that the early stove had an elevated oven and stood on three legs.—Rutland (Vt.) Herald.

Seek Best Company.

One is known by the company he keeps, runs the adage; and there's a vast deal of truth in it. Also it is true that on the long, rough road of high endeavor one finds best company. Are we all finding the best company we can't—Grit.

Let every man, if possible, gather some good books under his roof.—Channing.

Do You Know:

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DO YOU KNOW A NEW WAY TO LEARN ONE WORTH WHILE THING EACH DAY?

Correct Answers Given Next Week. See how many you can answer by that time.

They will embrace the fundamentals of a liberal education—Get a scrap book and keep for future reference. (We invite constructive suggestions or criticisms.)

29. How do the train brakes work?

30. The meaning of the "Red Stripes on the Barber Pole?"

31. Of what has the "Finger Ring" been a Symbol from the Remote Time?

32. When can one Legally Drive on the Left Side of the Road?

33. How much Silver and Copper is Legal Tender for a Debt?

34. Are National Notes Legal Tender?

35. Give a few rules concerning Chinese Names?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

22. The principal fur-bearing animals of North America?

In the far north, Polar Bear and Arctic Fox; Bering Sea and Alaska, the Fur Seal; Extreme Northern States and Canada, Fisher, Lynx, Marten, Wolverine and the Foxes, Black, Silver, Blue, Cross and White (in small numbers), prices ranging downward in order given. (The Black Fox, when its fur is slightly sprinkled with white, is the famous Silver Fox); Most parts of the U. S. and Canada, (mostly around streams and lakes) the Muskrat, Otter, Weasel, Mink and Beaver; Northern and Western States and Canada, Timber Wolf and Brush Wolf; Timbered Forests, Western U. S. and Canada, Grizzly, Cinnamon and Brown Bear; Western U. S., the Mountain Lion (also called Panther, Catamount, Puma and Cougar); Prairie States, Badger, Coyote; Central and Southern States, Opossum and Civit Cat, (called Polecat); Most parts of the U. S., skunk, Wild Cat, Black Bear, Raccoon, Red and Gray Fox.

23. The coldest place in the U. S.?

At points in Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas the thermometer has been known to reach 50 below zero. Temperatures as low as 40 below are not uncommon along the Canadian border. It is usually a dry cold, and not so severe on one as a much lower temperature in a moist climate. However, they have not much on other parts of the U. S. The month of February, 1899 produced the coldest weather ever known in the U. S. There was sleighing for three days in southern Alabama; 2 inches of ice and 6 above zero at New Orleans; in northern Florida, telephone and telegraph lines badly damaged by snow and ice; storm reached the Rio Grande in southern Texas. Many people frozen throughout the U. S.

24. The hottest?

In 1911 the U. S. Weather Bureau established a station at Greenleaf Ranch, located on the edge of Death Valley in Southern California. Almost daily through June, July and August the temperature rises to 100 or more, and at some time during each year has passed 120 degrees. On July 10, 1913, a properly shaded and ventilated thermometer registered 134 degrees, the hottest temperature ever registered in the U. S., and so far as known within two degrees of the hottest any place on earth. During the winter season, Death Valley occasionally has freezing weather. However, there is no state in the Union where 100 degrees or more has not been reached in some parts of the state. In several of our Central States in extremely hot summers, (1901 for instance) the thermometer has reached 110 to 115 for a number of days in succession.

25. Where does snow never fall?

In the southern part of Florida and the extreme southern part of California it never snows.

26. Where frequently 50 to 70 ft.?

In the Cascade Range of mountains in Washington and Oregon, at an altitude of 5,000 to 6,000 feet the snowfall during a winter has reached as much as 50 to 60 feet. The Sierra Nevada mountains extend north and south in California for about 450 miles. Far up in these mountains the deepest snow in the U. S. has been experienced. At a point called Summit on the Southern Pacific Railroad, in 1879-80 there was a total snowfall of 65 feet during the winter. At Tamara not far away on the same road, in 1888-89 a total depth of more than 73 feet during the winter.

27. What gigantic trees, now alive, were 1,000 years old at time of Christ?

The "Big Tree" of California, which inhabits the western slopes of the Sierras, is the mightiest living thing on the face of the earth, (Named Sequoia in honor of Sequoyia, who invented the Cherokee alphabet). An evergreen remarkable for its great size; found in detached groves, mixed mainly with immense Sugar Pines and Firs. The North Calaveras Grove contains 93 trees, of which 4 are over 300 feet high, the tallest called the "Keystone State," being 325 feet, diameter 6 feet from ground 45 feet. The Grizzly Giant of the Mariposa Grove, 16 miles south of Yosemite Valley, is 275 feet high, 28 feet diameter, and has a roadway cut through its base large enough for the "rubber-neck" sight-seeing autos to pass through. The trunk of this tree is frequently furrowed to a depth of a foot, and is usually bare for 100 to 200 feet. It entirely clears the surrounding forest before throwing out any limbs. Some of these trees are known to be 3,000 years old.

28. How can one use an automobile to keep his radio battery charged?

Any properly working automobile generator produces more current than needed for the ignition, and when the lights are not burning furnishes excess current sufficient to bring a partially charged battery to full charge. Procure a second battery to fit the automobile, and use it for the radio. When making an extended daylight drive, or say once a week, switch the radio battery to the car and the car battery to the radio.

Food for the Mind

Let every man, if possible, gather some good books under his roof.—Channing.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

By Wayne W. Putnam, Director Public Relations, Union Trust Company, Detroit.

(Written for the Crawford Avalanche)

Steadiness prevailed in trade and industry during the opening month of the year. A number of business leaders are inclined to be more optimistic than they were a month ago in their statements and expectations regarding the general business outlook. Moreover, the general public is beginning to realize that it is not necessary to continually establish new high records in commerce and industry in order to have genuine prosperity. There is a strong feeling that a steady increase in take place in the volume of business from week to week with a decided quickening two or three months hence.

Car loadings, one of the most accurate gauges of the condition of business, for the first two weeks in January showed nice increases over the corresponding weeks in 1925 and 1926. It is reassuring to learn that the nation's credit losses of all kinds for 1926 were \$100,000,000, less than those for 1925. Unfilled steel orders recently reached the highest total since last April. In general, corporate earnings are satisfactory and inventories light. Employment generally continues good. The railroads, according to information now available, will probably spend \$900,000,000 during the current year for new equipment, and additions and improvements to their properties. With in the borders of our own state many millions will be spent for public improvements. A bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for improvement work on channels of the St. Mary's river has been passed by the United States Senate. The Michigan Bell Telephone Company has indicated its intentions to expend \$28,000,000 in plant expansion and improvements during 1927.

Less favorable factors include a slowing down in building construction in some parts of the country, reduced automobile output and lessened purchasing power of agricultural districts estimated to be 10 per cent under a year ago. Furthermore, on March 31 the Jacksonville agreement fixing wages for union miners of bituminous coal, expires. In the opinion of some observers it will be difficult to avoid a strike of the miners in April. The Mexican situation might turn out more seriously than current reports indicate.

Michigan's industries, with the exception of automobile factories, are operating at or close to normal. Numerous factories report a good volume of orders at hand. A strong note of optimism is sounded over the outlook for increasing activity from now on. Automobile manufacturers are well pleased with the interest shown in the New York, Detroit and Chicago shows, and are arranging production schedules on a gradually increasing scale, although under that of a year ago. From many quarters the opinion is voiced that the saturation point in motor production has at last been reached. Those who hold this view should bear in mind that our population is increasing at the rate of two million a year, that the surface of the export field is practically unsaturated and that the desire on the part of the average family to own at least two cars is growing rapidly. Automotive leaders predict that the year's output will amount to at least 4,000,000 cars and trucks. Lower prices were announced by several companies during January, but leading executives within the industry are of the opinion that in view of the present close margin of profit, further reductions are inadvisable. Used cars continue to be one of the industry's chief problems.

Labor is fairly well employed throughout the state. Detroit's employment figures showed a large increase following inventory taking and have been gaining steadily each week since. The new slightly exceeded the figures for the corresponding period in 1925. If the same trend is followed as in 1925 a sudden upward swing will take place early in March.

Building construction in this state promises to be in good volume during the first half of 1927. In practically all the larger cities the volume of contemplated construction is as large as it was a year ago. An extensive program, both residential and commercial, is reported for Detroit, Pontiac, Flint, Ann Arbor and other cities. Building and engineering contracts in the lower peninsula for 1926 exceeded \$48,000,000, an increase of 38 per cent over those for 1925.

Commodity prices for the week ending January 22 turned slightly upward, but a week previous, on the basis of 100 as the average of 1913, stood at 145.1, the lowest since the early autumn of 1924. A marked upward turn of prices is regarded unlikely for

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



Money Talk No. 11—Profitable Winter Dairying

Good cows and proper feeding are the two important factors which determine profitable returns from the dairy herd.

It is highly essential that the dairyman have a reliable index of a cow's ability as a producer before he allows her to use the space in his barn and consume the food he has either harvested or purchased.

In many cases it is possible by careful selection to reduce the number of cows in the herd by one-third or one-half and still make more net profit. An instance of this kind has just been reported by a tester in one of Michigan's 115 Cow Testing Associations. This farmer was asked to join a cow testing association last fall, he declined the invitation saying that he never intended to make profit out of winter dairying any way. He was finally persuaded to put his herd of 18 cows in a cow testing association and at the close of the year he not only found that he could make money on winter dairying but that he had made money and knew exactly how much he had made. He also found after selling six cows which were unprofitable, as shown by the records, that the 12 cows made a greater net profit than the 18 cows had made.

Every dairyman who milks six cows or more should be a member of a cow testing association. The cow testing association not only "spots" the "boarder" cow but teaches a great lesson in proper feeding. Records on individual cows in the herd make it possible to feed each cow in proportion to the amount of milk that she produces. In too many instances the cows are all fed the same amount of food regardless of the amount of milk produced.

Cows should not only be fed according to the amount of milk produced, but the ration should be made up of the proper feeds and mixed in the right proportions so that the requirements for maximum milk production are met. The milk a cow produces is always about the same composition regardless of how she is fed. If she does not receive a sufficient supply of a balanced ration she is forced to reduce the amount of milk produced, but the quality or composition is not appreciably changed. Therefore, if the cow is to give her maximum flow of milk she must receive a ration that contains the proper nutrients in sufficient quantities. It is possible to balance a ration so that every requirement for maximum milk flow will be met.

Space does not permit a discussion of how to make a balanced ration, but if anyone reading this article is interested in balancing the rations for their cows, they can get complete information by writing to the Dairy Division, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. When writing for information on feeding, be sure to state the kind of roughage and grain you have on hand.

(By O. E. Reed, professor of Dairy Husbandry, Michigan State College.)

REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the Village of Grayling, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that in conformity with Act 126, Public Acts of 1917, I, the undersigned Village Clerk, will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, or the day of any regular or special election or official primary election receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said village not already registered who may apply to me personally for such registration, or who may make application for registration by mail or messenger, as provided by Act 7, of Public Acts of 1919, except that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the second Saturday before any general or special election or official primary election and the day of such election.

MARCH 5, 1927—LAST DAY For General Registration for Election March 14, 1927.

All electors already registered and intending to vote at said election, should make application to me on or before the 5th day of March, A. D. 1927.

Notice is further given that I will be at the M. C. R. R. freight office on Saturdays, Feb. 26 and March 5th, 1927, from 7:00 o'clock a. m. until 8:00 o'clock p. m. on each said day for the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors in said village as shall appear and apply therefor.

The name of no person but an actual resident of the precinct at the time of registration and entitled, under the constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

CHRIS JENSON, Clerk.

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Upward

From the lowest depths, there is a path to the loftiest heights.—Thomas Carlyle.

MANAGEMENT OF SOUR SANDY SOIL

(The following letter, written by R. D. Bailey, Crawford County Agricultural Agent, is considered so fine an exposition of the correct treatment for sour, sandy soil that the Michigan State College Extension Department is planning to send copies to every county agent in the state. If this is good stuff for the county agent it is not good stuff for the farmer who is trying to "cash in" on this character of soil? It reads as follows:)

Mr. Chalmers Grimm, Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Mr. Grimm: Your letter of the 7th inst. to the office of the Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau at Bay City, Mich., has been referred to me, in the absence of the secretary, Mr. T. F. Marston, from the office on account of a long illness.

I note that you own Sec. 20 and the west half of Sec. 31, Ogemaw Twp., Ogemaw county; that it is a rolling, sour, sandy soil.

I am well acquainted with that type of soil, and feel competent to advise you regarding it. The first thing that soil needs is decaying organic (vegetable) matter in it. This calls for crops that will grow with low fertilizer on an acid (sour) soil. The best crops to sow for a soil builder after first plowing are as follows: Begin to plow at such a time in the summer that you will get the piece of land you propose to build up plowed and dragged not later than the last of August. Each day drag what you plow that day. This is to create a dust mulch. See that this mulch is renewed by dragging again once a week. The mulch thus created is an amazingly great factor in saving moisture necessary to grow crops. Creation of moisture and preservation of moisture is overlooked far too often.

The last of August sow one and one-half to two bushels of cheap fall rye with 20 pounds of winter vetch. When I say "cheap fall rye," I mean common rye, but it must be clean and free from weed seed. Before mixing the vetch with rye the vetch must be inoculated with a liquid that is obtained from the Agricultural College of this state at cost, 25 cents a bottle. The material (culture) in a bottle will inoculate 60 pounds of vetch. In sending for it send to the Bacteriological Laboratory, East Lansing, Michigan, and state that you wish this inoculation for vetch; they have it for other kinds of seeds. Directions for use are in the box with the bottle.

If the ground is not too rough the seed thus mixed should be drilled in to secure perfect covering. If too rough for a drill, sow broadcast, and drag several times over letting the last drag marks be at right angles to the prevailing winds. When this vetch and rye is knee high next spring plow it under, having a chain on the plow to draw it well under.

Do not let anyone talk you into letting the growth get more than knee high. Drag each day what you plow. Before putting in a crop roll the soil well and immediately drag lightly. Never leave that, or any other soil, rolled smooth, as it is thus put into a condition to lose its moisture in the fastest way. Roll to form the soil so that water may draw up to the crop roots by capillarity; but, never leave soil, at any time, smooth. Roll, but roughen. The vetch and rye spoken of will not cost much. They can be obtained at West Branch as well as anywhere. Treat the vetch seed, then mix with the rye to sow in fall.

If you really want to improve this soil so it will do good work for you, after you have plowed the vetch and rye in the spring and have rolled well, drill in soy beans with all apices of a grain drill open, at rate of five pecks per acre. Use any of these kinds of soyas: Manchou, Ito San, Black Eyebrow. Inoculate them with inoculant from the college. You will not have to cultivate them. They are a legume, and benefit soil as clover does. They will do fairly well on poor sour soil. Plow them under the latter part of August. Roll soil well and roughen with drag.

If you want to do the right thing by this land you will again sow vetch and rye as advised in the first of the article. Plow it under when knee high the following spring, apply three (3) tons of pulverized agricultural lime per acre, and you are now ready to begin using your soil. At this stage, after dragging the lime well in, apply three sacks of 16 per cent acid phosphate per acre with a grain drill that sows fertilizer. If you use a higher testing phosphate the amount should be proportionately reduced.

Now you will be at the forks of the roads. With this preparation you are now prepared to sow oats with sweet clover, or oats with alfalfa. Oats with sweet clover is preferable, because, after you take off the crop of oats, the sweet clover will grow good. Sweet clover is ready to be cut the following spring for hay before alfalfa or red clover. Cut it for hay the spring following sowing with oats, and be sure to set the cutting bar of the mowing machine or binder 8 inches high in order NOT to cut below the growing bud of the sweet clover, as cutting below stops further growth.

Sweet clover makes splendid hay for dairy cows or young stock if cut when between knee high and hip high; NO HIGHER, as it would be woody. Cut thus, it makes splendid dairy hay and a rank second growth

will come on. When this second growth is two feet high plow it under. It is wonderful fertilizer and inoculates the soil for alfalfa. DO NOT drag the ground this time. Leave it ROUGH over winter.

Next spring, sow one bushel of very clean oats per acre with 10 to 15 pounds of the very best northern grown, acidified, re-cleaned Glimm alfalfa seed which you have inoculated. Before sowing, or at same time, with grain drill sow three sacks of acid phosphate per acre or two sacks of a 2-16-8 fertilizer.

After all this trouble and expense you will have the following: Land changed from a heap of blow sand to a productive alfalfa meadow; a crop of oats; a crop of sweet clover hay and a soil that is now in a condition to work hard for you. We have done exactly as I have advised you on the sand of the "Grayling Demonstration Farm," and sold the first cutting of alfalfa hay for enough to pay all former expense and had an alfalfa meadow where before there was useless sand.

Too many people care for soil with half way measures. If actually pays to do it right, I shall gladly answer any further questions from you.

Yours very truly, R. D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent, Crawford County.

"The Grayling Demonstration farm is the result of a project inaugurated years ago by T. F. Marston and Marius Hanson of Grayling, officers of the Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau. The genesis of the project was the desire of the two men to demonstrate how this particular type of soil could be profitably worked. The lightest sandy soil in the section was purposely chosen in order to make the test as severe as possible. The land was turned over to the Michigan State College and is under the college extension department supervision and control. The farm is a concrete example of what proper soil management can accomplish."

NOTICE TO FARMERS

Grayling, Mich., Feb. 8, 1927.

Mr. Farmer: Please let me know by mail, telephone or person, what you want in the line of feeds, seeds, fertilizer, etc. Your county agent will tell you what mixture of fertilizer you need.

Can get you anything you want in a few days. Call and see me at Burton hotel.

Oliver B. Scott, Sec'y and Mgr.



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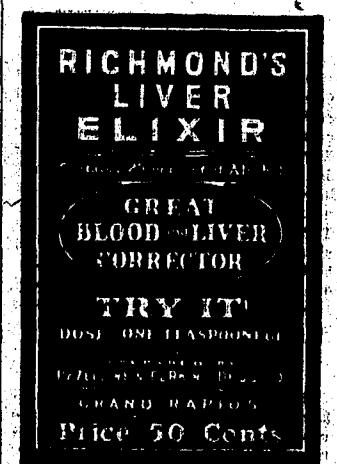
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Michigan Happenings

It was five degrees below zero in Adrian one night, but it didn't mean anything to an unnamed Wabash workman, who looked up from his bath in a work car in the local yards to see his only pair of trousers, containing \$23, all his money, going out side on the arm of a thirty-year-old and fellow workman. The bathers decided on action and did not wait for the sun to come out. The chase ended after a new, unofficial time mark was established for 500 yards. The trousers were returned to their lawful owner.

Conditions prevailing at the Michigan Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, constitute a health menace, in the opinion of the finance committee of the State Senate which inspected the institution recently. A new fire proof administration building likely will be recommended by the committee. About \$50,000 would be required to place the building in proper condition but the sentiment of the committee appeared to be that the building, erected 50 years ago, should be raised and replaced with a modern structure.

Shriners from all parts of Central Michigan met at Saginaw recently to make the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$1,000,000 theatre and mosque of El Khurrah Temple. The Masonic Grand Lodge of Michigan laid the stone with the ancient ceremonies of the order. The new building will include a large modern theatre and a Shrine Club that will be a home for the organization and headquarters for its members when they are in Saginaw. Every facility will be provided for the comfort of the shriners.

The final act that removed a once prosperous village from the map of Michigan was consummated when Auditor General Fuller decided to the State Conservation Department the plat of the village of Ogemaw Springs, as an addition to the Ogemaw forest reserve. During the 70's and 80's the town enjoyed unusual prosperity, but when the supply of timber began to diminish, Ogemaw Springs began to decline. It was gradually dismantled and the lumber mill and other buildings removed to new locations.

The Consumers' Power Co. will spend more than \$15,000,000 this year for additional power facilities and improvement of its properties in Michigan, according to an announcement by B. C. Cobb, of New York, president of the company. "This is \$2,000,000 more than we spent in 1925 on our properties in this state. Michigan takes high rank among the six states in which we have public utilities. There are no high spots in Michigan business but a steady and continued progress is evident."

Attorney-General W. W. Potter is preparing a bill amending the gas tax law for the purpose of insuring gas tax collections from wholesalers. The bill provides for licensing of all gasoline wholesalers who do business in Michigan. The cost of such licenses shall be nominal. The bill further provides that in event of the wholesalers failing to pay the gas tax by the twentieth of the month, their licenses are revoked and they cannot be reinstated unless they pay.

Michigan was 90 years old on January 26, but so far as official Lansing was concerned it was no different than any other day, excepting that an order of the State Administrative Board became effective forcing officials and clerks to resume an 8-hour day schedule in place of the 7-hour day schedule previously enjoyed. It was on January 26, 1837, that an act of Congress admitting the state into the Union was approved.

Two Michigan men have received citations from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission at Pittsburgh for acts of bravery. Walter J. Brockmiller, 33 years old, of Owosso, who saved a child from drowning, and Redmond M. Burr, 43, of Ann Arbor, who saved a man from being killed by a train, each has been cited for a bronze medal award.

Sheriff Horace W. Boorn, of Charlevoix has appointed his wife under-sheriff of Eaton County at a salary of \$1,500 a year. His own salary is \$2,500. Mrs. Boorn is the first woman to hold the position in that county. The board of supervisors had recently refused to raise the sheriff's pay.

Mrs. Hannah Barry, of Mt. Clemens, the city's only centenarian, died recently. She would have been 101 years old March 17.

Paul Jones, 29 years old, sentenced to the Michigan Reformatory at Ionia, from Kent county for carrying concealed weapons and who escaped on November 13, 1922, was recaptured at his sister's home at Lansing.

Pete Clementi, 46-year-old miner, who was injured in a fall of rock at the Newport Mine at Ironwood, which killed Angelo Angelini, died as a result of his injuries. Clementi was held a prisoner by the rock for six hours before he was rescued.

Selbridge Field, Mt. Clemens, will be the first air field to be rebuilt under the army's housing program, the war department has announced. A total of \$750,000 will be allotted to begin the work. \$275,000 to go for barracks, and \$100,000 for married non-commissioned officers' quarters. There will be five 100-room barracks, buildings to accommodate 125 men, while the non-commissioned officers will be housed in two-story, two-family structures. Bids for the construction work will be advertised from Selbridge Field at an early date.

Acting on the protests of citizens of Birmingham and Detroit, real estate dealers, the state administrative board voted to reconsider its action in limiting wider Woodward avenue to 100 feet through the suburban city. A delegation from Birmingham was given sufficient time to prepare facts and figures concerning Woodward avenue traffic and present them to the board. A short time ago the board decided to build the highway 100 feet wide through Birmingham, although it will be 300 feet wide on either side of the city.

A high pressure natural gas well was brought in on property owned by the city of Royal Oak, at Campbell and 12-Mile roads, recently, and tests are to be made to determine whether the supply is sufficient to justify plans for piping it to the Royal Oak garage incinerator for use in the furnaces there. If feasible, the plan will result in a big saving to that city as more than 20 tons of coal are required each month for the operation of the incinerator. The gas was struck when workmen were drilling for water.

Although the Wabash Railway carried more than 3,000,000 passengers in 1925, not one passenger was killed during the entire year according to the annual report of the safety department of the Wabash. The number of deaths at crossings on public highways decreased to 27 in 1925 as compared with 52 in 1924. The number of injuries to employees has also been steadily reduced since 1920, according to the announcement. In 1920 there were 2,450 injuries and last year only 465.

Consolidating the two Federal Internal Revenue districts of Michigan, with Collector Fred L. Woodworth of Detroit, in charge of collections for the entire state, blazes the hopes of a few Grand Rapids Republicans who had wires laid to get themselves appointed Collector of the Western district, headquarters Grand Rapids, to succeed Charles Holden, who has been incapacitated for several months by serious illness. The consolidation is in line with Federal Government policy.

A basketball game which started at midnight was played at Holland recently between the Holland Furnace team and the South Bend Bruins. The Furnace team won, 40 to 32. The train bringing the Bruins to Holland was several hours late owing to the snow and cold, and it was after 11 o'clock when it arrived. The players then hurried to the gym and the game was started. The hundreds of fans waited and from time to time received reports of the progress of the train.

The proposal to erect an executive mansion at Lansing has finally taken definite form. A bill has been introduced to make an appropriation for a Governor's official residence so the chief executive will not be obliged to live at a hotel or in a house that he rents at his own expense, a State White House as it were. Twenty-eight of the 48 states as far as available information shows, now have executive mansions, and there may be several others.

Michigan's champion potato grower in 1925 was a Kalamazoo county farmer who obtained a yield of 425 bushels an acre, or almost four times the average production of the state. J. C. Redpath was the grower of the big crop, according to Prof. H. C. Moore, chief of potato inspection at Michigan State College. He also announced that 34 farmers in the state had qualified in 1927 for honorary membership in the Michigan 200 Bushel Potato club.

According to statistics of income tax collections made public by the Internal Revenue Bureau, 1926 was a bumper year in Michigan, both for individuals and for corporations. The total collected by the Federal Government in Michigan in income taxes during 1926 was \$147,886,071. This was an increase of \$45,150,257 over the amount collected in 1925 when the total was \$102,735,814.

Although he fell 40 feet from a scaffold on an addition to a building in Grand Rapids, Arthur Vandam, 23 years old, whose home is near Kalamazoo, suffered only slight injuries. He was employed as a carpenter.

The Columbian Club, oldest woman's literary society of Flint, went on record in favor of capital punishment to stop homicides in Michigan. The club deplored parole, pardon and crime conditions in the state.

Cella Tomcer, 5 years old, of Detroit, burned to death when her clothing caught fire while she was playing in front of a stove in her home. The child's clothes were ignited by a flaming piece of celluloid which she had placed on the stove.

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Football fans paid more than half a million dollars to watch the Wolverine conference championship team play this year. Harry Tillotson, business manager of the Michigan Athletic Association, announced the gross football receipts at \$504,654. Athletic officials expect that this figure will be topped next year when the new Michigan stadium welcomes three capacity crowds of 73,000 spectators.

The Michigan Legislature at its coming session will be asked to appropriate \$331,000 for development of the state's parks, John Baird, state director of conservation, announced recently. The \$331,000 estimate is based on a survey of all state-owned parks recently completed by P. J. Hoffmaster, superintendent of parks.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The probate court for the county of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the 24th day of January A. D. 1927.

Present, Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of George Lelene, incompetent person. Julius Ausum, guardian of said George Lelene having filed in said court his final account as guardian of said George Lelene, and of said estate, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof.

It is ordered, that Monday the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

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Fish—Will have a supply all winter. C. R. King.

Miss Mabel Shipley visited friends at Gaylord over Sunday.

Call and see new shipment just in—10c table. L. J. Kraus Estate, Hardware.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson and Misses Ella and Margrethe were in Detroit over the week end.

The Woman's club will meet at the home of Mrs. Anna Harrison, Monday evening, February 14th.

Miss Edna Taylor of Detroit visited her father, Oscar Taylor and brother, Charles over Sunday.

Miss Lucille Hanson left Friday afternoon for Detroit, where she will visit friends for several weeks.

Russell Robertson arrived home from Lansing Thursday and will remain at his home here for a time.

Clayton, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Holbrook of Saginaw, died last week following a serious operation.

Mrs. Wilhelm Raue of Johannesburg visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson, yesterday afternoon.

Midland Indians vs. Grayling Independents Saturday, Feb. 12. Come out and see the local boys in real action.

Miss Margaret Jensen is driving a new Chevrolet coupe delivered to her last of the week by the local dealer, Frank Tetu.

J. Burt Kiely and Attorney W. Clarence Smith of Roscommon were among the Grayling visitors from that place Saturday.

Don't miss the Valentine party at the Temple theatre next Monday evening, given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas. Everybody welcome.

Frank Beckman, barber at Walter Cowell barber shop, and family have moved from the south side to the Turner house on Park street.

Mrs. J. Skinner was a victim of a slippery sidewalk when she fell Saturday, breaking her right arm between the elbow and wrist.

Word has been received of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wood of Flint. Mrs. Wood will be remembered as Miss Ruth Brenner.

Miss Eva Ostrander, who has been ill for two weeks at Mercy hospital, was dismissed last Friday and was back at her duties Monday at the hospital.

Don't say Bread, say Blue Bird, if you want Oak chunks and dry Jack pine. C. R. King.

O. P. Schumann was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Michigan Press association in Lansing last week.

Get back of your local basketball team, and see how good they are, by coming to the games. Don't say, "I don't know the game." Go and learn it.

Mrs. Signa Rasmussen left Monday afternoon for Ann Arbor taking her daughter, Ellen Mae to University hospital for consultation and probable treatment.

Mrs. E. G. Clark of Gaylord and daughter, Mrs. Andrew Price were Grayling callers Friday and Saturday, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Olson.

If there are any others wishing to enter the Bluebird bread wrapper contest they must do so before eight o'clock Saturday evening, February 12th. Cassidy Bakery.

Everybody should attend the basketball game Saturday night and see our local boys trim the Midland Indians. Preliminary game—Grayling girls "Reserves" vs. second high girls at 7:30. Big game 9:00 Sharp.

Mrs. Charley Hilton and Mrs. Frank Rockwell of Gaylord drove to Grayling Tuesday, and were accompanied home by Mrs. Albert M. Hilton, who for the past 13 weeks has been a patient at Grayling Mercy hospital.

Miss Bessie Brown held the high score at bridge Monday evening, when Mrs. Ollie McLeod entertained her bridge club. Following the games a most delicious lunch was enjoyed. Miss Coletta Smith was a guest of the club.

Prof. and Mrs. B. E. Smith entertained at a dinner Friday evening, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Welsh, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reagan. The evening was spent at the Board of Trade dancing party.

The debate between Grayling and West Branch high school debating teams that was to be held at West Branch tomorrow night has been cancelled, the latter having forfeited to Grayling, giving the latter four more points to their credit.

Andy Hart's toboggan was stolen one day last week from his front porch, which was a pretty mean trick. He says that he believes he knows the guilty person and says that unless it is returned pretty quick that there is going to be trouble.

Have you participated in the toboggan slide pleasures? If not, you are missing a lot of good, clean, healthful fun. The slides are in operation every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights and Sundays. Everyone welcome. There is no charge.

Born Wednesday night, February 2nd, a daughter, who has been named Gertrude Edwina, to Mr. and Mrs. William Wiess. The Wiess family recently moved to Grayling from Riverview and are nicely settled in the old Insley house on Peninsular avenue.

Take your Prescriptions to Central Drug Store.

Miss Helen Granger spent Sunday with friends in Monroe.

Alfred Larson of Johannesburg was in Grayling on business Wednesday.

Miss Angela Ambroski of Gaylord was in Grayling Saturday visiting friends.

Floyd McClain left last night for Saginaw on business connected with his new job.

Master Sam Gust returned to Vanderbilt with his mother, Mrs. D. E. Winer Tuesday to spend a few days.

Miss Ingeborg Hanson is assisting in the Soranus Bros. store during the absence of Mrs. Signa Rasmussen.

Edgar Douglas, who is home from Ann Arbor visiting at his home in Lovells, is in Grayling for a few days visit.

Dance the light fantastic at the Temple theatre Monday evening, St. Valentine's day. All are cordially invited.

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Valentine decorations will grace the Temple theatre Monday evening for the dancing party to be given in celebration of that day.

Miss Ruth Stillwagon and Edgar J. Caid, well known young people of Lovells, were united in marriage at Gaylord on January 29th.

George Miller left for Flint last week where he has a position, and where he will make his home with his sister, Mrs. Edward King.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Galloway entertained the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Galloway at dinner Saturday evening.

Don't miss the Valentine party at the Temple theatre next Monday evening, given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas. Everybody welcome.

Lars Rasmussen is the possessor of a brand-new Chevrolet landau, bought last week from the local Chevrolet dealer, Frank Tetu.

A daughter, Eva Mae, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keeley (Ruhb) of Saginaw. The little Miss was named after her cousin, Miss Eva Mae Ostrander of this city.

Henry Trudo of Lapeer was in Grayling from Saturday to Wednesday, a guest in the home of P. L. Brown. While here he, with friends, spent a good share of the time tobogganing on the Division hill slide. The Trudo family are now operating a bakery in Lapeer, which business, they made such a success of in Grayling, and Henry is associated with his father in same.

The ladies of St. Mary's Altar society and their husbands will entertain the members of Grayling Council Knights of Columbus and their wives at dinner on Tuesday evening, February 15th, at the American Legion hall. The affair will mark the first of a number of gatherings that have been planned by the Altar society. Mrs. Emil Kraus, Mrs. Louis Kessler and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen are in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Hans Petersen, taking a sudden turn for the worse, necessitated the calling of her children to her bedside again the last of the week. Those who have been here and again returned home are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larson of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. James Olson of Grand Island, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Claggett of Maumee, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. William Pobur, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson of Gaylord, and their families.

Saturday evening a delightful dinner party was enjoyed by the bridge club members and their gentlemen at Shoppington Inn, the hosts being Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tromble, Mr. Holger Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hanson.

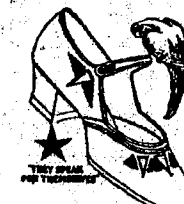
The twenty-six guests were seated at a long table decorated with a silver basket filled with pink carnations and pink tapers wreathed with amylax. A dainty bouillabaisse graced the place of each lady which added to the attractiveness of the party. The guests enjoyed bridge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, prizes being presented to Mrs. Holger Peterson, Mrs. C. J. McCann, Henry Bauman and Dr. C. McCann.

Dwight Lydell, of Comstock Park, a brother of Mrs. Philip G. Zalsman and of Frank Lydell of this city, died at his home Tuesday morning. Mr. Lydell was superintendent of Comstock Park bass hatchery near Grand Rapids, and was recognized as one of the highest authorities in the U. S. on bass culture. He had been actively engaged in that work for the past 35 years and about 30 years ago established the Comstock Park hatchery, where he had a phenomenal success. He was 66 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Zalsman and Mr. and Mrs. Lydell will leave Thursday for Comstock Park to be in attendance at the funeral, which will be held Friday morning.

Friends and old classmates of Carl Johnson, son of William C. Johnson, and a member of the class of Grayling high school of '24 will be pleased to learn of his success since leaving school. About a year ago he went to Detroit, where he took a position with the Acme Cap Sewing Works as bookkeeper, and a couple of weeks ago he was promoted to office manager with his third raise in salary. About the same time of his promotion he took part in a little detective work, discovering three thieves in the factory helping themselves to automobile parts. He assisted in their capture and arrest and they are all three now serving prison sentences for their misdeeds.

Although there were but nine members present at the regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion Tuesday evening, quite an enthusiastic session was held. Mrs. Green, vice president of Roscommon conducted the meeting in a very nice manner. Believing that the Auxiliary will some day be one of the largest patriotic women's organizations of the day, those who are interested in its success are trying their utmost to get the interest of Grayling eligibles aroused. We are all proud of our loved ones who fought in the World War and the least we might do is to join this organization to assist in the great work the American Legion is endeavoring to do.

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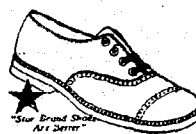
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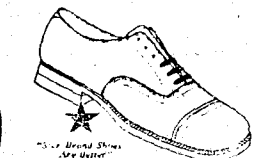
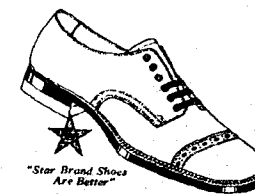
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Fr. Culligan has been in Grand Rapids the past few days.

Grayling Independent basketball team will leave this afternoon for East Jordan, where they will play the fast K. of P. team tonight.

Mrs. Peter Larson, who underwent an operation at Mercy hospital Tuesday of last week, is getting along nicely. Mrs. Margaret Baumgard of Detroit, a sister of Mrs. Larson, was in Grayling most of last week visiting her.

The Queen Esther circle had a very enjoyable meeting Thursday evening at the home of Miss Ada Kidston. Miss Marie Schmidt was in charge of the program. Twelve members were present. The circle has another assignment of jello on hand and is ready to supply anyone who wants it.

Floyd McClain has resigned his position as manager of the S. B. Variety store and accepted a position as salesman for the Fisk Tire Co., with eight counties for sales territory. He will continue to reside in Grayling. Floyd is a good salesman and no doubt will do well in his new field.

The Dollar-Day sales last Saturday attracted a large number of buyers, ready to take advantage of the many money-saving offers. While perhaps all merchants were not fully satisfied with the results, still most of them were very well pleased and are looking forward to holding another when the roads are such that it will make it easier for outsiders to come to Grayling. There were a lot of bargains offered that were rare and seldom found in any kind of special sale and the people were quick to take advantage of them. The people of this community who made purchases speak highly of some of the opportunities for purchasing real merchandise at so small a price. We are sure another such sale will be still more attractive than that of last Saturday, and will be welcomed by the public.

The Home Guards, which is the Junior Home Missionary society of the Michelson Memorial church, met Thursday evening at the home of Carl Englund. The following new officers were elected: Carl Englund Jr., president; Romaine Baughn, vice-president; Marion Hanson, secretary; Donald Gothro, treasurer. The program consisted of a story told of the discoveries, inventions and research work of Dr. George Carver of Tuskegee, a negro who has risen from the most adverse circumstances to a position where he is frequently called by congress to Washington as an expert in agricultural chemistry. The Home Guards were very much interested to learn of the numerous products, many of them now in common use, that Dr. Carver's research work has given to the world, and who has proved that "if all the other kinds of vegetable food stuff were destroyed, a well balanced ration could be made for man and beast from peanuts and sweet potatoes."

Mrs. George Burke returned home Monday from Oak Harbor, Ohio, where she was called Thursday by the death of her brother, James Velliquette of that city.

Mrs. Esbern Hanson leaves today for Delafield, Wis., to be the guest of her son, Esbern Jr., at the mid-winter ball given for the students of St. Johns Military Academy.

Mrs. Fred Aebi, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Flannigan, all of Bay City, were in Grayling several days last week visiting their father, Mr. Sancarier. They were guests at the homes of their sister, Mrs. Clatus S. Pierre and brother, Dolph Sancarier.

William Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Woods, had the misfortune to lose part of the two middle fingers of his left hand, while at work in the Grayling box factory Tuesday. He was dismissed from Mercy hospital today, having been taken there at the time of the accident.

Mr. Adelbert Carr, who for many years conducted a meat market in Grayling, died last Saturday at Mercy Hospital, Grayling, of cancer of the stomach. His remains were taken to Gaylord and later to Ortonville for interment. He is survived by his widow and two grown-up sons, Claid and New York city, and Ernest of Detroit.

Mrs. Louis Kessler invited in a number of friends Tuesday evening of last week to help Mr. Kessler celebrate his birthday anniversary. The guests played cards, after which a pot luck lunch was served. The week previous the same crowd spent one evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Tuesday, Mrs. A. J. Redson, mother of Mrs. B. A. Cooley, celebrated her 52nd birthday anniversary, and in honor of the occasion, Mrs. D. E. Winer, her granddaughter, Mrs. Harold Calkins and Mrs. Frank Kelley, all of Vanderbilt, spent the day with her. A delicious dinner was enjoyed in the evening by the party, and Mrs. Redson was wished many happy returns of the day.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. L. Herrick and Mrs. P. McNeven entertained the Woman's Home Missionary society and friends at the home of the latter. Miss Elizabeth Alexander conducted the program and read two personal letters, one from a Chinese girl and the other from a Hawaiian girl, who were pupils of the school in Honolulu. Miss Alexander also read an account from a newspaper of a Chinese girl who also was a former pupil in San Francisco, and who, with the help of her husband, has now built with money they have saved, a "home for Chinese girls only," in that city. All present were intensely interested in hearing directly from the product of these missionary schools, and it is very gratifying that Miss Alexander has lived to receive such fine testimonials from her work as a missionary.

Miss Mildred Bates was hostess to the teachers of our public schools at a bridge party Wednesday evening. The decorations were in keeping with St. Valentine season. Seven tables were filled for the game and the high scores were held by Miss Swinton and Miss Harrison.

Nothing but words of highest praise is heard concerning the Gasford Concert Co., which appeared as the fourth number of the lyceum course at the Michelson Memorial church, February 2nd. The harpist, violinist and reader were each an artist in her line. It is to be deeply regretted that the audience and also the entertainers were disturbed by a few young lads who persisted in talking in an undertone, and who threw small pieces of chalk and paper occasionally. It behooves parents to be present at these public gatherings to see that their offspring carry out the teaching that has been given them, and in case that the parents cannot attend, to get an occasional report of how their instructions are carried out when the child is not under their watchful eye. It certainly is not fair to the audience who have paid the price of their ticket to be thus disturbed, neither is it fair to the performers who cannot do their best under such circumstances.

Messrs. O. S. Hawes, F. L. and A. E. Michelson of Detroit attended the regular monthly directors' meeting of the various lumber companies in Grayling yesterday. The meeting of the Johannesburg Lumber company was held in Grayling also, but Wilhelm Raue was unable to be in attendance, owing to illness.

Make your plans to attend the Washington birthday party given by Portage Lodge Knights of Pythias. The Pythian parties have been very popular in past years and this one will be no exception. No personal invitations will be issued this time, but everyone is cordially invited to attend. Don't forget the date, and plan to be present.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who never sat cross-legged in public?

New Jersey has adopted an eye test for motorists. Wonder if it is something that will keep a fellow's eyes glued to the road while passing a pretty dame in short skirts?

If prohibitionists really want prohibition in this country why don't they petition the present dry congress to list hypocrisy among the punishable offenses of the land.

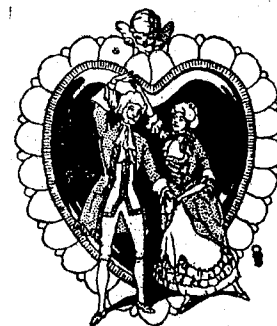


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JUNKETS OVER, THE LEGISLATURE GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

Death Penalty, Highway Finance, Tobacco Tax and Waterway Are Considered

Lansing, Feb. 7.—After a recess of nearly two weeks during which the members visited the various state institutions to study their financial needs, the Legislature resumed operations in earnest Wednesday of last week. An accumulation of nearly forty bills was immediately thrown into the legislature hopper and the work of the present session began in earnest.

A dozen or so of the bills now pending are intended to combat the crime wave in Michigan. Several varieties of capital punishment have been proposed, including death by electrocution, lethal gas and hanging. Other bills having the same general purpose would prohibit the paroling of persons convicted of first degree murder and would increase the penalty for offenders having previous prison records. The death penalty has been a very live issue during the past few sessions, but each time it has been defeated by a rather close vote. However, voters of the measure declare that this year they have a substantial majority ready to vote in favor of capital punishment.

New Gas and License Schedules
 From the standpoint of popular interest, second only to crime prevention legislation are the various measures dealing with highway finance. During the past week a new combination of gas and weight taxes was proposed which seems to meet with a good deal of support among the lawmakers.

Rep. C. J. Town of Onondaga is fathering a bill to raise the gas tax to 4 cents a gallon, while a companion measure sponsored by Rep. William P. Strauch of Vernon proposes a \$5.00 permanent license for passenger cars and the present schedule of annual weight license levies for commercial vehicles, including trucks and busses. Representatives Town and Strauch declare that this new combination would bring in as much or more revenue from the motorists as they are now paying and would result in greater fairness and less inconvenience. Under the terms of these bills, the counties would receive eight million dollars instead of six million dollars annually from the state highway funds.

A new tax measure which is certain to excite a great deal of discussion was introduced by Sen. Peter B. Lennon of Genesee County during the past week. It provides a tax of \$2.00 per thousand on cigarettes and a flat 10 per cent tax on all other forms of tobacco. Wholesalers and retailers would be licensed and the tax would be collected through stamps which would be purchased by the dealers and affixed to the packages. A unique feature of this bill is that it definitely provides that the revenue which it would raise would decrease by that amount the state general property tax which would otherwise be levied.

Acting under suspension of the rules, the House and Senate passed unanimously a resolution calling attention to the importance of the

Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway and urging upon President Coolidge and Congress the necessity of entering into proper treaties with Canada and proceeding at once with this project. The action of the Legislature followed closely upon the receipt by the lawmakers of a special message on this subject from Governor Green.

STATE EDITORS PLAN BETTER HOME PAPERS

Michigan Press Association Members Held Inspiring Conference at East Lansing Last Week

An even stronger "home town" press, to serve the needs of Michigan's local communities in increasing measure, stood out as the goal of some 175 members of the Michigan Press Association, gathered in annual conference in Lansing, February 3, 4 and 5.

The attendance was not only the largest in the history of the association, but was said by old-time newspaper men to be the greatest gathering of active newspaper publishers ever held in Michigan. From the far corners of the Upper Peninsula to the Indiana border, editors of the state's leading weekly papers were gathered for the conference.

While much of the conference program concerned itself with technical questions relating to the building of better newspapers, features of entertainment and inspiration were not lacking. Herman Roe, of Northfield, Minnesota, president of the National Editorial Association, and others of national prestige joined the strictly "local talent" in leading discussion at the meetings.

Officers elected to lead the press association for the coming year are: H. T. Johnson, Saranac Advertiser, president; W. H. Berkey, Cassopolis Vigilant, vice-president; and Herbert Wood, Bangor Advance, sec'y-treasurer.

Publishers Will Meet at Houghton
 The Michigan Press Association, publishers of weekly and semi-weekly newspapers in the state, will hold their annual summer meeting at Houghton Lake the third week in June. Action was taken by the publishers at their annual business meeting at Lansing, accepting the invitation offered by the business men of Houghton Lake, Houghton, Heights and Prudenville. The invitation was presented by Frank R. Johnson, owner of Houghton Lake Forest; D. Eugene Matheson, publisher of the Roscommon Herald-News; O. P. Schumann, publisher of the Crawford Avalanche; Grayling; Paul MacDonald, publisher of the Otsego County Herald-Times; Herman Lund, president of the Northeastern Michigan Development bureau and a

representative of the East Michigan Tourist association. For the past several years the annual summer meetings have been held in the northwestern section of the state.

Already residents of the section are planning the entertainment of the visitors. About 800 are expected to take part in the meeting, including the wives of the publishers. Frank B. Johnson and other resort hotel men of the section are planning to extend complimentary accommodations to the visitors. Mr. Johnson will turn over to the publishers for one night his rustic dance hall, in which a ball will be held. Among the tentative trips planned are a visit to the military encampment at Grayling, a tour to the Hanson-Pines and the fish hatchery, an excursion to the Houghton Lake forest and tree hatchery, a trip to St. Helen where they will be guests at the St. Helen Resort association. Two golf links—one at Houghton Heights and another at Roscommon—will offer recreation for the golf enthusiasts.

Charles Thomas, "Dad" Smith and other resort hotel men at the three villages will co-operate with the committee. The entertainment will include all summer sports and the entire three-day period is expected to be glutted with busy and pleasurable moments.

The committee of the Michigan Press association which will co-operate with the local organization is composed of: W. W. Feighner of Nashville; D. Eugene Matheson of Roscommon; and Paul MacDonald of Gaylord.

SCHOOL NOTES

Editors: Janice Bailey, Edward Mason, Ethel Taylor.

GRAYLING SCHOOL

Electric lights have been put up on the skating rink, which is in the best condition it has ever been in.

A writer of popular songs is said to be deaf. It seems a very unfair advantage.

Lewis Engel sent the following telegram home: "No mon, no fun, your son," and received this reply: "Too bad, how sad, your dad."

"Her countenance fell," writes an author, gifted. No doubt she went and had it lifted.

Janice—"I learned to dance in an evening."
 Lacey—"I thought so."

If a seedling is a young tree, what is an inkling?

Father—"I feel like whipping you."
 Nels—"Don't give in to your feelings."

Norval—"Are you good looking?"
 Maggie H.—"I've been told so."
 N.—"Then go down the campus and look for the pen I lost."

Warning! Save the wall paper—never sneeze when brushing the teeth!

Two is a company; the third, a chaperon.

Earle—"I hate dumb women."
 Isbrand—"Aha, a woman hater."

She was only the janitor's daughter, but she swept him off his feet.

The English Literature class is helping swell the coffers of the gym candy counter by eating their candy in class.

Ada and Carl have managed to get seats beside each other in all their classes, much to their delight (mostly Ada's).

Supernau—"What is necessary for a nation to have a stable government?"
 Marius H.—"Good horses."

Mr. Smith—"I'll give you 50 cents if you'll wash your face."
 Julian—"Keep it and get a haircut."

Betty—"Did you hear about the wooden wheel?"
 Fred—"I'll bite."
 B.—"Two poles were married."

Anna—"What would you call a man who hid behind a woman's skirt?"
 Jane—"A magician."

Ellen Speck is the winner of the Grayling History essay contest. The debate with West Branch has been forfeited to us, giving us four points.

The fellow who called small change, chicken feed, evidently never took a girl out to dinner.

So you figure you know more than the coach? How is that?
 "Well, he said it was impossible for him to teach me anything."

FREDERIC SCHOOL NOTES

Editor—Marguerite Richards.
 Asst. Editors—Francis Hunter and Lola Craven.

The Frederic high school is rejoicing over a formal notice received Tuesday by Supt. John W. Payne, which puts the Frederic school officially on the accredited school list.

Mrs. Wallace, the English instructor, has chosen the four best essays in the Lincoln medal contest. These essays will be read at the Lincoln-Washington program in the auditorium Friday, February 18th. The three judges, to be announced later, will select the winner of the medal. The following were chosen:
 Gladys Crandell, freshman.
 Olive Odell, sophomore.
 Doris Corsaut, junior.

The P. T. A. will meet Friday night. A special program has been arranged.

The Senior class have issued their invitations for a dinner, to be given Saturday, February 12, in honor of their parents and the school faculty.

Elise Burke entertained the Senior class Friday night. Other guests were Max E. Tobin, Clyde A. Dorn and Leese Ashenfelder of Grayling. After play practice, games and stunts were enjoyed as well as a delicious lunch.

Marguerite was again attracted to

Grayling over the week end and forgot to return for school, Monday. We are glad the high school aren't so attracted.

Ehra is well on the road to become an absent minded professor. She was observed carrying a test tube from the laboratory home with her. Maybe she was walking in her sleep.

Kath F. seems in great demand and bids fair to become a regular lady's man.

Mr. Chrysler says he is after little inconsistencies. Look out Lola. Are you one?

We have found, after carefully dissecting the high school clock, that it has bedbugs between the ticks.

Mr. Payne suggests that we either buy rubber heels or take more time in ascending and descending the stairs.

Intermediate Room

Welcome, visitors! Come again.

Mrs. Ace Leng and Mrs. Charles Bader visited our room Thursday afternoon.

The fourth grade geography class are coloring, cutting out, and mounting the southern states. They have 37 states completed.

The 3rd grade Arithmetic class are speeding with the 4's, 5's, 6's and 7's. Some excitement.

We are reading the story "Hilda," mornings and noons.

We enjoyed ciphering Friday afternoon. Liland Charron and Helma Corsaut stood up the longest.

Our teacher was cross Friday, owing to a severe headache. Here's hoping she has no more such headaches.

We always extend invitations to visitors.

Primary Department

Grace Harmon is with us again after being absent from school the greater part of three months.

Elise Weaver was absent from school Thursday on account of a sore foot.

A few of the primary students attended the dinner in the school dining room Thursday.

Mrs. Ace D. Leng and Mrs. Charles Bader were welcome visitors in the primary room Thursday. Come again.

Frederic Richards was excused from school Thursday afternoon on account of sickness, but was with us again Monday.

"A" students in spelling last week were: Elona Barber, Shirley Corsaut, Florence Bader, Ruby Weaver, Della Baldwin and Frederic Richards.

The first graders are "A" students in spelling and nearly a 100 per cent class in arithmetic.

We are coming along fine with our part in the Washington-Lincoln program that is to be given on Feb. 18.

Miss Barber (taking roll call)—"Francis Bader?"
 Miss B.—"Aye, you here, Francis?"
 Francis—"No, Miss Barber, I am not here."

Shirley Corsaut (at home): "Mother, what's this piece for?"
 Mrs. C.—"For the program at the school on Washington's birthday."
 Shirley—"Will he be there?"
 Esther Barber, teacher.

Grammar Department

We are reading "Struggling Upwards," for opening exercises.

We are rehearsing our Lincoln program and are making good headway.

The grammar room enjoyed a party given in honor of Ethel Wisson's birthday. Monday, Feb. 7th. The marshmallows were the best part—ask Freeman. Ethel received many nice gifts for which she extends hearty thanks to her friends and classmates.

In the past week Mrs. Leng, Mrs. Bader, Mrs. Pledger and Mrs. Wisson visited our room.

Last week, eighteen, and now she feels about one hundred. Birthdays don't agree with you, Flora?

No wonder we are short on test tubes in the chemistry laboratory. How about it, Ehra?

Our sympathy with you Tuesday, Beatrice and Marguerite.

FREDERIC NEWS

We are having fairly nice weather for February.

Supt. Payne and Mr. Odell were Grayling callers Saturday.

Elwood Barber of Grayling visited at the home of Mrs. C. S. Barber over Sunday.

Ehra Walters spent the week end at Deward with her father.

Mrs. E. A. Corsaut entertained a number of lady friends, accompanied by their husbands, at a quilting bee Thursday afternoon, later serving a delicious six o'clock supper.

Mrs. Erva Rowe is enjoying a visit from her niece from Philadelphia.

Mrs. Dorothy Wallace and Ehra Walters were the guests of Doris Corsaut at supper Sunday evening.

A recent letter from Mr. C. S. Barber says it is 70 degrees above zero, and their arms are somewhat sunburned.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. F. A. Goshorn, our supervisor, was very much surprised when he was asked to the schoolhouse to partake in the men's basketball practice and upon his arrival found a group of friends assembled to honor him on his 45th birthday. Lunch was served, games played, and everyone had a very able time. Fine gifts were received by Mr. Goshorn from appreciative friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholl and nephew, Johnny Niergarth of Gaylord visited at the home of Mrs. C. S. Barber Sunday.

LOVELLS NEWS

Mrs. Mike Lux has returned from Ohio, where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Budd and children visited at the home of George Shurtz Sunday.

The country nurse was a caller at school Tuesday.

Edgar Douglas is home from Ann Arbor.

The children of Percy Budd have been ill with measles.

Fred Rowe of Detroit was here for a few days.

Edgar Caid was a caller in Grayling last week.

Jess Shoff was in Grayling last week.

Can't someone do something exciting to make news? Please!

Barry county reports a dearth of physicians. And the first robin and snake stories are about due.

Beware of the man who offers you a ten per cent investment, because in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred he is the investment.

Michigan Happenings

A new wrinkle in transporting liquor by automobile from Ontario to Detroit, was discovered by a Deputy Customs Collector. A man who brought his automobile across the river on a Walkerville ferry boat was able to pass the officer's inspection, but found he could not start his motor to drive away. The collector, looking to see if there was any gasoline in the tank, discovered instead several bottles of gin and wine. An auxiliary tank fed the motor. Meanwhile the driver of the car had disappeared, saying he would return with a mechanic. He did not.

Atty.-Gen. W. W. Potter was directed by the State Administrative Board to investigate a claim of \$160,000 of the tax against the Covert highway in the state park in Muskegon county. The state purchased the Muskegon State Park for about \$25,000. According to O. B. Fuller, auditor general, the claim was a complete surprise to him. The petition for the road was signed on behalf of the state by John Baird, former conservation commissioner, and the legality of Baird's action is in question.

The Metropolitan area resolution providing for a vote in the April election on a constitutional amendment was reported out of the committee on revision of the constitution. It was tagged with a recommendation that it pass. The Metropolitan area plan has been defeated in two state elections. This time its proponents hope an educational campaign may help its passage. A constitutional amendment by a vote of the people is necessary. The plan would permit cities to combine for water, sewage and other public utilities.

Co-incidentally with the report of the state board of agriculture, advising the abandonment of the idea of creating a junior college of agriculture at Menominee, Gus T. Hartman, of Houghton, introduced a bill in the house to provide for the enlargement of the Michigan College of Mines. Hartman's bill asks for a general engineering course and the changing of the name to the Michigan College of Mines and Technology. At present the college is limited to the instruction of mining engineering.

With introduction of his bill proposing a state tax on all tobacco, Peter B. Lennon, of Flint, announced he would introduce a resolution for elimination of the state property tax. He would raise the necessary money for state operations by levies on amusements, soft drinks, mortgages, bonds and numerous other things. In his tobacco tax bill, Lennon provided for a 10 per cent tax on the retail value of cigars, tobacco and snuff, and a tax of \$2 per 1,000 cigarettes.

Patrol Driver Harley Wilcox suffered a bullet wound in the neck when a cartridge he had thrown into the furnace at the first precinct station in Grand Rapids, exploded. The bullet came through the open door after being deflected by the interior wall of the furnace. Wilcox had swept up the litter left by patrolmen practicing at the pistol range and had thrown the accumulation into the furnace. The bullet narrowly missed his jugular vein.

A misunderstanding as to which of two men should stand guard in a Marine City home one night and try to capture a burglar who had entered the place three times, resulted in the fatal shooting of Orin N. Huah, 31 years old, a United States immigration border patrol inspector, at the hands of his best friend, William Catanaah, 35. Mrs. Huah, and county officials exonerated Catanaah of blame when they heard his story, and no inquest will be held.

More than 40 fishing shanties on the ice in Anchor Bay at Fair Haven, were tipped over and put out of commission and 300 were badly shaken up when the wind swept the bay with tremendous velocity. Slush on the ice kept many of the shanties in place. Some were blown nearly ashore. Fishermen were busy up-righting their shanties. The storm was similar to the one six years ago when hundreds of fish shanties were destroyed.

His kindness to a horse cost the life of Arthur Richer, of Escanaba, 17 years old. Seeing a horse that had fallen on an icy road and was unable to rise, Richer obtained a long pole and attempted to raise the animal. The pole slipped and struck the youth of the head. His death followed.

Michigan's new conservation commission is deciding whether further restriction of hunting and fishing is to be the keynote of the state's game protection policy during the next four years. Recommendations of Curwood, a member of the commission included cutting the deer hunting season from two weeks to one week, shooting of antlers deer only, abolition of camp licenses, increasing charge for deer licenses from \$2.50 to \$5, state purchase of deer yards and establishment of deer in every county in the state.

Another record has been established by Sam Bennett, one-armed state trapper of the Upper Peninsula. Bennett accounted for 78 of the larger predatory animals in the last seven months of 1926. Of this number 68 were wolves or coyotes. This is almost one for every three days.

A summer White House in Michigan was offered President Coolidge recently by Alfred Owen Crozier, who tendered his house at Harbor Springs, on Lake Michigan, near Petoskey.

SOME BURNING NOW



Mr. Woodby Swelle—Ya-a-a, my dear, I have ancestors to burn. She (a trifle bored)—And some that are probably burning now.

READ METERS



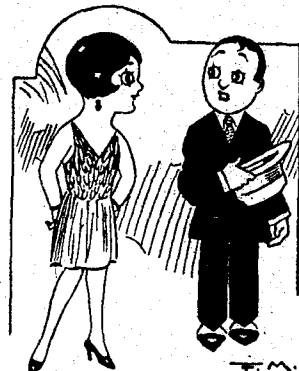
Viola—Oh, he's a poet, I'm sure. He says he's an expert at meter reading. May—Poet nothing! He works for the gas company, my child.

ROUGH STUFF



"Jack broke his leg the other day." "Heavens! Hockey?" "No, dancing the Charleston."

ALL RIGHT ON HIS HEAD



He (examining his hat)—I must have this hat reblocked. She—Oh, just put it on your head—it'll be all right.

NEVER WILL MARRY



He—Me? Marry? Huh! Not till the girls buckle down and wear sensible clothes again.

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